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Roger Boyes on the threat of new unrest in Poland over food price increases next month



Bubble

The battle to publish Shakespeare in comic-strip form: three of his plays are now in print

Who does the actual conveyancing work in a solicitor's office - and is the house-buyer subsidizing the litigant?

... and trouble Scan Connery talks about his new Bond film, Never Say Never Again

# Banking ombudsman likely

A banking ombudsman to del with customer's greievances is likely to be appointed in response to the report on banking services published by the National Consumer Council. Although the council found that customers were generally satisfied, it recommends improvement in some areas, including opening hours and

### Wife murderer jailed for life

Peter Reyn-Bardt, who admitted killing his wife, Malika, more than 20 years ago, was sentenced to life imprisonment ifler conviction for murder by Thester Crown Court Page 2

### Eagle stakes up

the way of the court of the cou

Allianz Versicherungs, the West German insurance group, and BAT Industries, the British tobacco and retailing empire, each raised their record-breaking takeover bids yesterday for

Killer executed Louisiana's first execution in 22 years took place yesterday when Robert Wayne Williams was electrocuted for the shotgun killing of a supermarket guard



### Hospital cuts

Government plans to double the number of hospital consultants in the health service have fallen victim to spending cuts, doctors' leaders say Page 2

### **Imports** ban

Debt-ridden Brazil has suspended virtually all imports until next year to stop dollars leaving the country Page 15

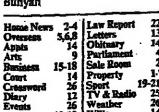
Leader page, 13 Letters: On The Day After, from Mr Miles Copeland, sen; Airbus, from Lord Beswick; parole, from Professor J. E. Hall

Leading articles: The pound information technology, would be worth between £1,000m and Rate support grant, Europe and Northern Ireland

Features, pages 10-12 Len Murray Lion in the dinosaurs' den: Britain's approaching housing crisis; John P. Harris goes moonshine moonlighting Spectrum: a pro-file of Charles Price, new US ambassador to Britain

Books, page 11 Life and politics in the Soviet Union discussed by Nikolai Tolstoy and Iain Elliott; Woodrow Wyatt reviews the autobiography of Lord Elwyn-Jones; Sir John Plumb on spas; Andrew Gimson on fiction, and John Warrack on the string

Mr Marcus Marsh, Mr John



# Murray victory leaves NGA in bitter retreat

Trade union resistance to the Government's labour laws began to crumble last night as Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, won a vote of confidence for his policy of noncontravention of the Employ-

The TUC General Council agreed by 29 votes to 21 to upold Mr Murray's unprecendented repudiation of a decision by the employment policy and organization committee (EPOC) to support a one-day printing strike declared unlawful by the High Court.

It now seems likely that the National Graphical Association will cut it losses and concede defeat in the six-month closed shop dispute with Mr Salim (Eddie) Shah's Messenger Group newspapers, which has cost the union £675,000 in fines for contempt of court orders

banning mass picketing. NGA leaders meet in Bedford today to determine their next river, but every trade union affiliated to the TUC has been sold down the river.

"This is a black day not only for the NGA, but also for the whole of the trade union movement. The decision taken by the general council is that its to the industrial relations policy is now in conformity legislation has to be within the with the 1980 and 1982 law. We are not going to Employment Acts."

The TUC had offered only the NGA's request for support under the provisions of

ried early last year which They cannot win without the promised backing for unions that came into conflict with the Mr Shah said last night that that came into conflict with the Government's labour laws. Mr Murray, looking relaxed

and sounding confident after the six-hour general council meeting, said: "I hope this is the end of mass picketing as we have known it at Warrington". He added that unless the He added that unices its general council changed its general for support for mind, requests for support for action in breach of the law would be rejected.

Mr Murray carried the day by arguing that if the general council did not endorse his repudiation of the committee decision taken three nights ago, its funds might have been at risk for aiding and abetting the NGA to break the law.

Some powerful unions, including the Transport and General Workers, said last night that they would continue to give, support to the NGA in its dispute with Mr Shah, and the step. Mr Joe Wade, the union's printing trade union said it General Secretary, was angry and bitter. He said: "Not only have we been sold down the That is unlikely to come about before next year's TUC conference in September. Moderate union

expressed satisfaction with the Mr Alastair Graham, general council has come out clearly and said that opposition support unlawful action".

Mr Bill Keyes, the leader of "tea and sympathy" in response the sogat 82 print union and chairman of the employment support under the provisions of the Wembley declaration car-have literally isolated the union.

wish not to join a union was as firm as ever it was. "It would have continued like that which ever way the TUC decision had

But he said he had been worried that the decision might have gone the other way. He did not believe that it spelled defeat for the NGA, "I think the dispute will continue", he said.

The TUC's employment policy committee has now been told to think again on what assistance might be given to the NGA in its dispute. The general council yesterday came out in favour of a committee of inquiry set up undr the auspices of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to look into the dispute

The NGA leaders have now to decide whether to continue their defiance of the law and reimpose the mass picketing and the one-day strike, or go for an all-out stoppage in the printing and newspaper indus-tries – all of which would bring more and bigger fines - or to return to the negotiating table with Mr Shah and get what the TUC described last night as "the best possible conclusion" to the dispute, and deter other printing employers from invoking the employment legislation. Mr Shah is unlikely to agree

to the setting up of an independent committee of inquiry and Acas will not establish such an investigation without the agreement of both



Best foot forward: Prince William at Kensington Palace yesterday walking in public for the first time. More photographs, back page.

# Reagan decides to run again

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

President Reagan has finally decided to seek reclection next year. Encouraged by high ratings in the opinion polls, a bouyant economic recovery and a resurgence of national pride in the wake of the Grenada invasion, the President, who will be 73 on February 6, has told his senior staff he will formally announce his decision on January 29.

The announcement, which will take place four days after his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, will be made in a 15-minute nationally televised address from the Oval Office at the White House. The President has already started working on an outline of his speech.

Mr Reagan has tried to hold off a formal announcement for as long as possible, but some deadlines are approaching which have made it necessary for him to signal his intentions clearly. Before the end of this year he must sign papers to meet filing deadlines for pri-mary elections in Illinois and New Hampshire.

President Reagan yesterday still acted coyly when asked about his election intentions during an impromptu press conference at the White House. "You'll have to wait until January 29", he told a questioner.

Although there is a handful of

observers in Washington who still harbour doubts about his reelection intentions. White House aides and members of his campaign staff are abso-lutely convinced he will seek a second term. "I have no doubts at all that he is going to seek reelection", Mr John Buckley, a spokesman for the Reagan-Bush Campaign Committee, told The Times yesterday. "We are basing all our plans on the expectation he will announce us decision to run on January

# Scargill calls for biggest picket

By David Feiton and Ronald Faux, Warrington

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, yesterday called on the trade union movement to mount "the biggest picket line in history" round Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah's Warrington

printing works.

Adddressing a rally after a rain-drenched demonstration through Warrington town cen-tre, Mr Scargill said the TUC's "My advice to the TUC is, "for goodness sake stop talking and start fighting'," he said.

Reuters

agree to go

public

By Philip Robinson

Reuters, the international

news agency and financial

information service owned by newspapers, last night quashed

doubts about its intentions by

saying, that it would seek a

listing for its shares on the Stock

A flotation, making Reuters

public company, would lead to a big injection of cash for

national and regional news-

The agency's board said that

There had been doubts over

the flotation and on its timing.

Reuters' shareholders had to

agree among themselves what

their respective shareholdings

were, and accountants will have

to sort out the likely tax

problems that a financial reconstruction would create.

Getting the agreement of the

The agency's financial ervices, based on advanced

£1,500m on a conventional

Fleet Street newspaper pro-prictors hold about two-fifths of

Reuters and newspaper shares

have jumped by half this year

on hopes that the agency's

profits would be £50m this year

and perhaps double that in five

Legal advice given to the Reuters' board last month

indicated that the agreement of

trust under which the agency

operated could be terminated

Mr Angus McLachlan, chair-

man of Reuters' trustees, has

expressed surprise that contro-

versy had arisen over the

flotation "as if we as trustees

He said that the trustees had

accepted an obligation to

maintain the integrity and

independence of Reuters and to

ensure that its control did not

fall into the hands of any one

interest group or faction.

by its shareholders.

had no control."

stock market flotation.

it was submitting a plan to its trustees, but declined to make

the details public.

lengthy fight.

gional TUC, attracted about repeated his determination to 4,000 trade unionists from all continue hid fight.

Rate rises likely as

support grant falls

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

announced rate support grants curbed by extra criteria, one of worth almost £12,000m to which aggreeved the Conserva-

The organisers had hoped for a bigger turnout but the suspension of the National Graphical Association's oneday strike planned for yesterday expectations.

Extra police were drafted in policy of opposition to the Government's employment but the demonstration passed legislation should be binding on off peacefully. Coaches taking everyone, including Mr Len demonstrators away escorted by Murray, the General Secretary, police, who also checked traffic police, who also checked traffic going to the industrial estate where Mr Shah has his factory. Mr Shah, who had feared that

The Government vesterday

English local councils next year,

a total lower in real terms than

this year's and marking a

further stage in the steady

reduction in the share of council

spending paid for by Whitehall.

to almost two-thirds in the peak

spending period of the 1970s,

but next year it will drop to

little more than half. Ministers

also issued spending targets yesterday for all English county,

district and city councils. In

some areas the targets for next

year are much lower than the

by councillors this year.

amount budgeted for spending

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary

of State for the Environment,

claimed that careful spending

by councils could mitigate the

rate rises needed to compensate

for the cut in the Government's

share of council spending. Councils had predicted that the size of the last government allocaton of money to them would make vast rises neces-

sary, but the actual increase had

and the sharing of grant using a

complicated mixture of criteria

based on the recent financial

performance of councils and the

needs of their populations for services of all kinds

Ministers decide the targets

been 64 per cent.

The Government's share rose

The demonstration, orga- some protesters might try to nized by the North-west Re- picket his factory, yesterday

He said he would re-engage the six dismissed NGA typeset-ters at the centre of the dispute only on terms he had already outlined. He also revealed he intended to expand by acquiring ensured it would not reach their a paid-for newspaper. Negotiations he had had recently to acquire the Sporting Chronicle had broken down, he said.

> At the rally Mr Scargill said the NGA's battle against Mr Shah had to be fought and won. He said: "NGA members have got to realise that they have to take direct action and the rest of the movement has an obligation

But that formula is itself

tive-dominated Association of

County Councils, It complained

that although the Government

expected the cost of living to

rise next year by 5 per cent, it

was using its extra criteria in

making grants to councils to

discourage them from raising

spending by more than 3 per

Sir Jack Smart, chairman of

the Labour-led Association of

Metropolitan Authorities, said

tive - and Labour - controlled

councils expected to be forced

by the Government's package to

per cent next year.

against those seen as

year of £867m.

crease rates by more than 20

While yesterday's announce

"overs

ment allows little leeway for

trolled Greater London Council

Government support for bus

subsidies in London and other big cities will be cut back next

year, Mr Nicholas Ridley,

Secretary of State for Transport,

announced yesterday (Michael

vesterday that some Conserva

### responded to Syrian auti-aircraft fire on their reconsissance evening by ordering their Jersey, to fire her 16-in guns at

58,000-ton battleship, New the Syrian Army.
In a series of massive broadsides at dusk, the ship -

steaming at high speed up the Lebanese coastline and sur-rounded by an escort of missile ernisers and destroyers - sent her one-ton shells soaring high over the mountains east of Beirut to explode around three villages where Syrian armour is concentrated above the capital. The sheer scale of the

bombardment can be estimated by the range of the shells that

landed near the ruined ski over the Mediterranean and hid resort of Dahr el-Baidur, a the ships from sight, a total of crumbling village 23 miles east of Beirut and one third of the in Syrian-occupied territory The Americans unexpectedly resort of Dahr el-Baidur, a

It lies along the main Syrian guns and armoured vehicles.

Druze militia in the Chouf. According to the Americans. Syrian anti-aircraft guns had

military supply route to the Chous mountains, where the Draze militia are fighting the Lebanese Army with Syrian No sooner had the New

Jersey fired off its giant shells - each manufactured at the time of the Korean War - than two other American warships, the missile craiser Ticonderoga and the destroyer Tatnall, turned sharply towards the coastline off Beirut and began firing their five-inch guns up into the mountains.

By the time darkness fell

since the Vietnam War, is understood to have been specifically obtained from the White House before the Second World War battleship was sent into action.
On Tuesday, the Americans had said that the New Jersey's guns were ready to fire, but the Syrians - and many Lebanese -

fired at two US F14 reconnais-

sance jets during the early afternoon. Permission to fire

the New Jersye's guns, which

had not been used in anger

America's big guns shell Syrians that the vessel was a symbol It was the second consecutive

> mountains and already pattern of retaliation is deing. Syrian troops fire at US jets and American warships open up a barrage in response. Around Beirut the security situation was deteriorating by the early afternoon, when Druze and Phalangist gons fired across the southern suburbs at each other, killing two Lebanese soldiers, while fierce street lighting broke out around the fringes of the Bouri al-Barajneh slams.

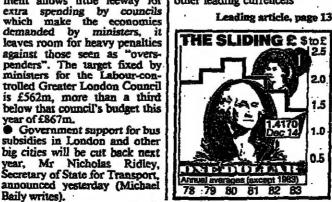
Threats to Arafat and Tripoli plans, page 6

# Pound still under pressure

German's central bank, which sold an estimated \$250m. (£177m) to defend its currency, knocked the dollar off its peaks yesterday and helped to take some of the pressure off sterling. After nearly breaching \$1.41,

sterling recovered slightly to close 25 points on the day in London at \$1.4170 still a record It also ended lower against other leading currenceis

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# monopoly to be ended

The Government is expected o promise tomorrow that it will ntroduce legislation of its own to remove the solicitors' monopoly on conveyancing.

Ministers have decided dur-

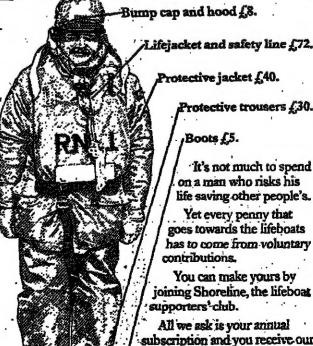
change, which more of them, including the Prime Minister, favour, is not best achieved through Mr Austin Mitchell's House Buyers Bill.

objectives of the Bill will then not vote for it.
The Cabinet will haveto decide this morning about the timing of its own Bill. It has the powerful backing not only of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, but

be persuaded against supporting Mr Mitchell's Bill are looking to the Government tomorrow to set out the timetable for the

Mr Mitchell will need the

# £5 buys him a pair of boots.



Protective jacket £40. Protective trousers £30. It's not much to spend on a man who risks his life saving other people's. Yet every penny that goes towards the lifeboats has to come from voluntary You can make yours by

All we ask is your annual subscription and you receive our. quarterly magazine, Lifeboat.

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Royal National

### Video editors earning £100,000 By David Hewson. year, refused to allow socrer edit tapes for the Sanday coverage to be sent to London afternoon programme.

Three videotape editors who have each been carning more than £100,000 a year are at the centre of the dispute which has blacked out The Big Match from commercial television since the beginning of the football season.

The men were believed to be the three highest wage earners commercial television, receiving more than company directors and senior production staff at London Weekend Television where they work. But their wages have been more than halved since video

editors at the regional commer-

for editing by the three men at

the beginning of the season. Television industry sources emphasized last night that the £100,000-plus salaries of the three editors were produced by 2 unique combination of factors at LWT. Most people working kin similar positions in other companies are paid far less.

At LWT, the men gain from a enerous in-company agreement which has been boosted by the hours needed to produce The Big The men would normally

They are members of the

Association of Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians and carry out duties which are regarded as highly skilled within the television industry, often working to last-minute deadlines and taking editorial decisionsl

But there are signs that the commercial network may drop soccer coverage altogether if the dispute is not resolved. Recorded soccer has attracted poor audiences in recent years and cial companies, who earn work through Saturday night at has become progressi between £25,000 and £40,000 a greatly inflated rates in order to expensive to produce. has become progressively more

# Solicitors'

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

ing the past few days that the

Government will commit itself to legislation and ministers hope that MPs who favour the

also of Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and industry. Conservatives who remain to

introduction of its legislation, which they hope will be in the next session of Parliament. support of 100 MPs to prevent

During tomorrow's Com-mons debate on the second reading of that Bill, the

his Bill being "talked out", Ministers have decided, although they agree with 'Mr' Mitchell's objective of liberalizing the market for house conveyancing by allowing building societies and banks to compete, that his Bill has so many omissions that it should not be taken over by the Government. It is felt that it provides insufficient safee-guards on standards of work, qualifications and discipline.

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# Police draft reforms on use of guns

By Our Crime Reporter

A package of changes for police firearms training and the assessment of officers in the wake of the shooting of Mr Steven-Walforf in January are being proposed by a working party of the Association of Chief Police Officers.

The changes include doubling the initial training period to two

the initial training period to two weeks, increasing refresher courses to two days, three or four times a year, and teaching policemen better emotional

dations are given tonight on Thames Television's programme TV Eye, which looks at the Waldorf shooting. The recommendations are outlined by Assistant Commissioner Geoffrey Dear, who is in charge of training and personnel at Scotland Yard.

Decisions on the proposals are likely to be taken in the new year - There are plans to introduce a number of psycho-logical tests to assess officers during their early training and the tests may be repeated every few years to keep pace with officers' emotonal changes.

In London the recommendations would also call for the presence where possible of a member of DII, the specialized police firearms experts, when

### Irish airport nlan in trouble

The Government of the Irish Republic has told sponsors of a plan to build an airport at Knock, co Mayo, the Marian shrine village, that it will supply no more cash for the project. More than £7m has been spent by successive govern-ments on constructing a 7.500ft runway but a further £3.5m is still needed. Yesterday the Government decided that sponsors of the airport would have to find the rest of the cash

### BP officers halt ioint mess plan

British Petroleum yesterday shelved plans for "social inte-gration" of officers and ratings on their oil tankers after a threat of industrial action from the officers' trade union.

The Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association (MNAOA) told the oil company BP vessels had adopted a policy of non-cooperation with the proposals and would obstruct any attempt to impose mixed mess and recreational facilities.

### Life-support man donates kidneys The family of Mr Graham

Alcock, aged 28, yesterday approved the use of his organs for transplants, even although he is still on a life suppor

shire, was admitted to hospital on Monday with serious head injuries when he fell 10ft from a ladder at work. But his wife vesterday accepted that he was

### Correction

Mr Richard Ryder, Conservative MP for Mid Norfolk, points out that at a press conference on Tuesday he said he would be disappointed if the Said he would be did not support the principles underlying the House Buyers Bill and not, as reported yesterday, the Bill itself.

The average senior officer in the Armed Forces today has only half as many people under

his command as he would have

With the ending of National Service in 1963, there was a

large reduction in the size of

the Services and that decline

has continued, though at a very

much slower pace. The number of top jobs, however, has contracted much more slowly

than the overall size of the

The latest analysis of the

position has been given by Mr John Stanley, Minister of State

for the Armed Forces, in

written answers in the Com-

ons to questions from Mr

had 30 years ago.

# OE2 wrangle as Germans deny responsibility for boiler fault

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The West German shipyard which carried out a £4.5m refit of the Queen Elizabeth 2 four times a year, and teaching policemen better emotional control and a better appreciation of when or when not to open fire.

Details of the recommendations are given tonight on Thames Television's pro-

had worked on worked per-fectly, Hapag-Lloyd said; the other did not. When trouble arose on the third boiler Cunard asked if the ship on stay in the yard beyond her planned departure date on Monday for it to be rectified.

but Hapag-Lloyd declined, partly because of the tide. "Our work was done. The ship left the yard with all work due to Hapag-Lloyd completed on time. We wanted to make sure the problem was not on our

The British contractor working on the third boiler was Hamworthy Engineering, a respected maker of marine pumps, compressors, and combustion equipment in Poole, Dorset.

A spokesman for the parent Powell Duffyn Group said: "So far as we are concerned there has been no problem with our equipment at all. We have a contract with Cunard to fit new burners to all three burners on the QE2. One was installed satisfactorily in Bremerhaven; the others will be done in the

to heated heavy oil and sprays it into the furnace in fine droplets

The issue appears to be: Did the third boiler fail to work because of some fault by Hamworthy or Hapag-Lloyd, or because of fault in the ship herself? There appears to have been a shortage of purified feet water to the boilers arising from a blocked pipe in the feed

That, as one expert said last night, was the sort of thing that could arise on any 17-year-old ship after her system has been shaken up in an overhaul.

 The liner finally sailed from Southampton last night, 22 hours behind schedule, on her three-day Channel cruise (our Southampton Correspondent

Cunard said that 55 passen-gers had walked off the ship and asked for their money back, and that had been refunded. The remaining 1,415 passengers who stayed on board will be rewarded with free drinks throughout the remaining two days of the cruise.

Mr Bernard Crisp, Cunard's managing director, described the breakdown as a minor problem. He was confident the QE2 would be able to be sent off on her world cruise in January in perfect mechanical condition

### Jenkin cry for help on reforms

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Enviro-ment, has issued a cry for help to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet, colleagues, asking them to rally round in defence of his plans for local government and rating reform. A letter, dated December 8, points out that plans for rate-capping and the abolition of the Greafer London and metropolitan county councils "are arousing considerable comment and

controversy". Mr Jenkin circulated a 40page briefing document and says in his letter: "I cannot urge too strongly that colleagues should respond whenever appropriate to arguments to which focus on their policy

shadow spoke environment, who last night published the leaked letter, said it showed that the government

The letter discloses that the Secretary of State put one of his junior ministers, Mr Williams Waldegrave, in charge of a special unit "to coordinate better our response to the well organized campaign of oppo-sition and propaganda which

Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Greater Grimsby.

Navy has been more successful

in protecting its top jobs than

the other Services. In the middle of this year there was one admiral for every two fighting ships of frigate class and above. In 1953, there had

been one admiral for every 4.7

such ships.
This year there were still

eight naval officers of the rank of commodore/senior captain

and above for every ten who

held these ranks in 1953. By

comparison, the Army has only six people of equivalent rank

for every ten in 1953, and the

An important factor behind

Royal Air Force has seven.

On the face of it, the Royal

### **Extension** of legal aid urged

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Legal aid should be available to people appearing before all tribunals, the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee said in its annual report yesterday. If there is not enough money

to do that, tribunals daling with personal liberty should be given The committee says: "Bail applications to the immigration

appellante authorities are the only proceeding under the general supervision of the Council on Tribunals in Eng-land and Wales involving personal liberty for which legal aid is not available. Legal aid should be available in immigration cases where leave to appeal is granted.

The report says that the case for extending legal aid also to hearings before the Social part of the business of Flower-Commissioners in Security unanswerable.

report on legal aid, published in the same document, says payments have risen from £9,130,231 in 1978-79 to £31,745,186 in 1982-83. The Law Society administers the scheme under the supervision of the Lord Chancellor.

Legal Aid: 33rd Annual Reports of
The Law Society and of the Lord
Chancellor's Advisory Committee

1982-83 (House of Commons Paper 137. Stationary Office, £10.75).

National Service was less

prevalent in the Navy com-

pared to the other services, so

that the contraction in man-

power with the ending of conscription was less marked.

including the Royal Marines, has fallen in strength from

146,000 in 1953 to about

71,090 today, the Army has declined from nearly 450,000 to

about 160.000, and the RAF

The average number of Service personnel commanded

by officers of the rank of

brigadier, air commodore, senior captain, and above fell

from 860 in 1953, to 458 this

from 316,000 to 98,000.

# 'Roman skull' killer guilty Reyn-Bardt, then 33 and

began a life sentence for the murder of his wife Malika more

than 22 years ago. Reyn-Bardt, a former airline official aged 57, strangled his "marriage of convenience" wife in a row over money, hacked her body to pieces with an axe and buried the remains in the garden of his cottage in Wilmslow, Cheshire. A jury at Chester Crown Court took three-and-a-half

hours yesterday to return an 11-I majority "guilty" verdict after a three-day trial.

They rejected Reyn-Bardt's After a honeymoon in claim that he had struggled with Zurich, Tripoli and Rome, the his estranged wife after she new "Mrs Rainbird" soon attacked him and that he could remember nothing of how she died. He had denied murdering her between October, 1960, and June 1961.

The marriage of Peter Reyn-Bardt and Malika Maria de Fernandez had an air of theatrical fantasy from the start. He proposed to her less than two hours after they met, when Malika, working as a part-time waitress, served him Russian tea in a Manchester coffee bar. Three days later, on March 28, 1959, they were married.

serving legal documents on

people who may not wish to

Like the "Mounties", they

have a pride in getting their man. Some are solicitors. Others make a living from the

dew and Co, legal agents, who

celebrate their centenary next

Corbett, said yesterday: "We

tell them that the documents

must be served personally on

the defendant. That means by

handing the document to the

defendant, or, should he refuse

to accept same in a reasonable

manner, then service may be

effected by leaving the docu-ment at that person's feet". What technically counts as

service has been called into

In the Royal Marines, Royal

ned officers and other

Air Force, and the Army there

is now one senior officer for

every 420 to 445 non-com-

ranks, but in the Royal Navy

Although the number hold-

ing senior rank has declined,

there are some notable excep-

tions. In 1953, in the Navy, the fighting fleet of frigates are above numbered 384 vessels

and there were 104 people with

the rank of commodore/senior

This year, when the numbers

of ships had diminished to 97,

the number of senior captains and commodores had risen to

the ratio is only one to 307.

receive them.

calling himself Edwin Rainbird was a BOAC executive at Manchester Ringway airport. He tried to disguise his

homosexuality - which if discovered in the 1950s, could have cost him his job and even brought him before the courts. In the lively woman aged 32. who spoke several languages

and loved to move in the same social circles, he saw the chance of respectability. She saw the chance of cheap travel around the world and contact with the rich and famous.

new "Mrs Rainbird" soon discovered her husband's homosexuality. Their relationship, in various flats in Manchester, deteriorated within a year and she disappeared for long periods.

Soon Reyn-Bardt had set up another home in Heathfield Cottage, in Wilmslow, an affluent Manchester suburb.

Reyn-Bardt was alone in the cottage, with its large wooded garden, when his wife returned several months later. There was a bitter row and Reyn-Bart strangled her.

The NGA dispute

ing 2,300 striking Shell refinery

workers went into hiding from

officials trying to serve an

service was made, but the

ported that Mr Joe Wade.

ation, sprinted from a back door

of Congress House as an official chased him down the street with

High Court orders granted to

secretary of the

Graphical Associ-

document was left on

intended recipient.

National

Speedy union chiefs fail

to deter writ servers

The sight of trade unionists question during recent trade

making a quick getaway will not union disputes. Two trade deter those with the job of union shop stewards represent-

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

### In 1963 he went to Portsmouth, There, in 1975, he met Paul Russell Corrigan. This was to be his downfall

The two men were arrrested for abducting young boys from the streets of Portsmouth for homosexual offences, and

After his release in January 1981, Paul Corrigan killed a voung boy in Birmingham after a rape and torrure. In jail, he asked to see detectives and told them of Reyn-Bardt's story of

killing his wife.
They could not do so. Reyn-Bardt, now living in Knightsbridge, was questioned about his wife's disappearance and denied murdering her.

Then, on Friday, May 13, workers collecting peat for mushroom beds found a human skull in the earth 300 yards from the grounds of Heathfield Cottage. In October tests confirmed that the skull dated from about AD 410, and had no connexion with the case.

But in June police had again seen Reyn-Bardt and con-fronted him with the evidence". He then admitted killing his wife.

### **NGA** members lose appeal

The National Graphical Association acted lawfully in expelling four members for alleged strike-breaking, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

a claim by four managers at John H. Burrows and Sons, of Basildon, Essex, that the union A workers' strike committee had broken its own rules by not allowing them to give oral evidence before its appeal committee or national council.

BL failed to notify the BL's assurances against a committee or national council.

Government of "substantial" recurrence.

Its reasons for doing so were see that the council of the council spokesman said an attempt at committee or national council. The only requirement was for

an oral hearing at branch level which was offered to the men. The National Union of Journalists is to seek leave to appeal to the Lords today against a High Court injunction outlawing a journalists strike at Mr David Dimbleby's Richmond-based newspaper group in South West London.

several newspaper publishers pronouncing the next day's planned strike as unlawful. Mr Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday refused to issue a Labour judgment on the National Graphical Association conflict

# over expulsion

Mr Justice Skinner dismissed

# Wade was driven away, leaving the official waving his docu-ments at the kerb-side. De Lorean millions still missing, receiver says

car company and then mysteriously disappeared, was used by him after passing through a network of Swiss and United

States banks. Investigations have shown that the sum, spent developing the De Lorean sports car, was used to guarantee a loan to the Belfast car chief, Sir Kenneth Cork, the receiver, told MPs last

A further \$9m, also intended for the car's technical development, is still missing and detailed checks have been unable to trace it, Sir Kenneth

More than \$8.5m, part of a told the Commons Public payment which was spent by Accounts Committee during its Mr John De Lorean's Belfast investigation of the De Lorean

company, Lotus. Sir Kenneth pointed to the

cash manipulation as a possible breach of company law.

The total missing \$17.5m had been paid to a small Swiss company, known as GPD, to finance the development under contract with the Norwich car

He said: "If someone take money out of a company and everyone thinks it goes for a certain purpose, and it goes for no purpose at all, it is certainly a breach of some Companies

### Be curious Yard asks Londoners By Stewart Tendler

Crime Reporter

Londoners were urged by Scotland Yard yesterday to "be curious" and report anything suspicious to the police. Meanwhile the hunt got under way for the bombing team who left a powerful device close to a busy shopping street on Tuesday.

As the police stepped up their presence on the London streets at the prospect of a Provisional IRA Christmas bombing campaign. Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, called on the ears". In turn, he promised more men and resources to combat the bombers. As he spoke, officers from the

anti-terrorist squad were still examining the remains of a 10lb device left near Kensington High Street. The device was hidden in a holdall and the police are trying to discover why it failed to explode. In Oxford, Thames Valley

officers were investigating a device left in a telephone box in Cowley late on Tuesday night. The device exploded sending the kiosk door into the road. Yesterday the force said that no one had claimed responsibility.

The police do not believe the

bomb as the work of a terrorist

growth for five years. A survey of carried out by the junior doctors in now showed that this 'years' are growth would be lower, and or next year's lower still . The self Of 491 new consultants posts

approved for this year, it appeared that only 287 world be funded by health authorities. and a consultant appointed. Next year the figure was likely to be 237. The joint consultants committee had delivered a strong, protest to ministers through Sir.'s Henry Yellowlees, the chief

medical officer at the Depart-

ment of Health, he said, and the

NHS planto

consultants

'in disarray'

By Nicholas Timming
Social Services Correspondent

Government plans to double the number of hospital consultants by 1996 are in disarray

after restrictions on health service spending and manpower cuts, doctors' leaders said

yesterday.

Figures compiled for the joint consultants committee and the British Medical Associations hospital junior staff comminent, show that, far from the rate of the expansion in consultant from the last two years and is let to fall still further next year.

The proposal to double the analysis of consultants was a supersocial to the last two years and is let to fall still further next year.

number of consultants was in agreed by Mr Patrick Jenkin when he was Secretary of State of for Social Services in 1981. The many secretary of the many secretary secretary of the many secretary secretary of the many secretary of the many secretary secretary of the many secretary secre

aim was to improve both the ci

quality of patient care and tol ease the growing bottle-neck inter-

the ranks of junior doctors who la are trained to consultant status :

but then have to wait years for ain) Consultant post.

Dr Frank Wells, secretary to a

the two committees, a said yesterday that consultant

numbers needed to expand at 4

per cent a year to meet the

But in the year ended last of

April, numbers expanded byes

only 1.8 per cent, the lowest of

double

issue will be put to the BMA's council next month. "The commitment to consultant expansion just is not a taking place to anything like the degree promised or needed", he said. the is virtually at a %

Dr Aubrey Bristow, chairman's of the hospital junior staff to many fully qualified senior registrars ready to become \*> consultants.

Not expanding the consultant grade meant failing to treat patients on growing waiting lists when the doctors were ready, and available, he added.

# BL criticized over tax avoidance

the Exchequer, the all-party Committee of Public Accounts reported yesterday. Although the company is

required under a memorandum to tell ministers of decisions that have important economic or political implications, it did not consult the Government as it considered the transactions fell within tax law and were consistent with its obligations to act commercially, the report

The Department of Trade and industry has "deprecated" BL's failure to report the dealings because of the cost to the Exchequer of the extra funding obtained through the arragement and "the undesirability of publicly owned companies taking part in tax avoidance activities".

The department has decided, however, not to tighten up the of British, Leyland (Stationery memorandum after receiving Office, £2.85).

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

described by the committee yesterday as not entirely Mr Gordon convincing". . . Downey, Comptroller and Auditor General, said in the report of his

inquiry into the arrangements for supervising and monitoring BL that the department had become aware after the event that the company had undertaken transactions in 1981 and 1982 with third parties through which it obtained "substantial" sums in exchange for the transfer of tax losses.

He said: "BL regarded the transactions as falling within existing tax law and considered that the use of a company's taxloss assets in this way was well established commercial practice."

Committee of Public Accounts: Session 1983-84: Department of -Industry supervision and monitoring

# Hospitals under threat.

Regional Health Authority is Thatcher's constituency.

ter Teaching Hospital, Central Emergency Campaign.

Middlesex Hospital in Brent, Mount Vernon Hospital in studying options that include Middlesex, which has a specialclosing as many as three big ist burns unit. St Charles and St district general hospitals over Stephen's Hospital in London the next decade, including and Edgware and Barnet Gen-Barnet General Hospital in Mrs. eral Hospitals in Middlesex.

The options are set out in an The options include shutting internal memorandum that has acute services at the Westmins- been leaked to the Breat Health

### STOP PRESS.

GULF AIR ARE ADDING SPECIAL HOLIDAY FLIGHTS TO THEIR SCHEDULE ON DECEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 21. SO NOW WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE AVAILABLE. GET BACK TO THE GULF IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY. BOOK NOW.

Navy has an admiral for every two frigates

By Rodney Cowton, Defeace Corresponden

# RUC man may

From Richard Ford

A policeman in the Royal three days ago.

ies, was arrested at his home on Tuesday by detectives investi-gating the shooting of Anthony Dayson in the Roman Catholic Short Strand enclave of strongly Protestant east Belfast.

holding centre and is expected to appear at Belfast Magistrates' Court today.

### be charged. with murder

Belfast

Ulster Constabulary is expected to be charged with murdering a young Roman Catholic man The constable, in his twen-

He was taken to Castlereagi

Details of the arrest, which is highly embarrassing for the RUC, as the funeral of Mr Dawson, aged 18, was being held in east Belfast. The officer being questioned was off duty when Mr Dawson was shot.

### Sale room

### Chinese lacquer tray fetches £70,000 By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondend

important Chinese lacquer and works of art yesterday, which scored an auction record price for red lacquer while 150 lots out of 315 in the sale failed to

find buvers. The record £70,2000 was paid hy the Gammon Art Gallery of Honkong for a square red lacquer tray of the early fifteenth century carved with a pavilion and figures in a landscape reminiscent of the old "willow pattern". The estimate was £45,000 to £60,000.

There was an exceptional red lacquer section in the sale, with a cylindrical box of similar date. deeply carved with a similar landscape, selling for £37,800 (estimate £30.000 to £45,000) and a marbled hexagonal ewer with the Jiajing reign mark The sale totalled £528,358

with 37 per cent left unsold in cash terms. The stoneware proved the most difficult to At Sotheby's a clump of

snowdrops met an unlooked-for

degree of competition. They were painted on a board with an arched top by John Atkinson Grimshaw in 1862 and pro-vided with an arch title. "Fair Maids of February". Christopher Wood, the London dealer who specializes in Victorian painting paid £11,550 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500) for them. They are rendered with great precision against the brown earth and dead leaves of

There were two Edward Ladell still lives of fruit and wine glasses on a table, each

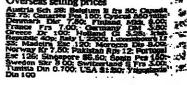
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> The sale of Victorian paint- 1: ings and sculpture totalled of £324,379, with 26 per cent of unsold. The top price in the sculpture section was £6,050 in cestimate £2,000 to £3,000) for a property of "Salome" by Sir dating from about 1897. She is a denicted polarity and presents a desired polarity and presents a denicted polarity and presents a section of the sectio depicted naked and presents a tough image, holding a carved scimitar behind her back for later use.

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# Banking ombudsman is backed by minister after consumer survey

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

deal with customers' grievances is likely to be set up in response to the report on banking services published yesterday by the National Consumer Coun-

Establishing an ombudsman is one of the key recommendations of the report, which nevertheless concludes that by and large customers are content with the service banks give.

A Market and Opinion Research Institute survey carried out for the council showed that nine in ten customers were either "very" or "fairly" satis-fied with their banks, although most still wanted to see improvements.

Mrs Rachel Waterhouse. chairman of the subcommittee of the council which drew up the report, said yesterday of the customers' attitudes: "If you have a low expectation you are satisfied with what you get".

She said that the survey might suggest that nearly everything in the banking garden was lovely, but "banks should take note of the improvements that customers want to see, and the fact that building societies are already providing some of the things that banking customers say they want, such as longer opening

The report, commissioned by the Government in the spring of 1982, was generally welcomed

**Pocket TV** 

supplies

are delayed

By Bill Johnstone ctronics Corresponder

The first shipments of the

Sinclair pocket television set

which was launched in Sep-

tember have been sent to

customers in Britain nearly a

month later than expected,

pricipally because of production

More than 5,000 have been placed with Sinclair for the two-

It is unlikely that the backlog

will be cleared before Christ-mas, but by the end of January, if the company realizes its targets, 10,000 of the sets will be

manufactured each month. A national advertising campaign is scheduled for Jaunary.

At the launch of his revol-

utionary television, the minute

black and white screen of which is the result of six years'.

demand would outstrip supply

The television, which retails

Dr Robert Jones, whose wife

was found murderd in October.

was fined £100 yesterday and disqualified from driving for 12

Dr Jones, of Lees Farm.

Coggeshall, Essex, pleaded guil-

ty at Maidon Magistrates' Court

to driving with one and a half times the legal limit of alchohol.

He was ordered to pay £50

The magistrates refused to

accept submissions by Mr Oliver Sells, for Dr Jones, that

there were special circum-stances under which they might

consider not disqualifying him.

Dr Jones has been under

pressure form the publicity surrounding his wife's disap-pearance, Mr. Sell said.

on July 23. Her body was found near Brightwell, Suffolk, in

Sussex Police have denied

that they used random drink-

driving checks when they stopped motorists and required

Mrs Diana Jones disappeared

Murder case doctor is

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through direct mail order.

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Although the council found highly satisfied and rarely complained, it indentified and

hours and bank charges. Many customers grumbled about difficulties in getting cash out of their banks and most wanted Saturday opening. There was also considerable dissatisfaction over the way bank charges were calculated and the lack of information on charges.

Bank customers with building society accounts also tended to find their building society more friendly and easier to deal

The main thrust of the council's recommendations is aimed at encouraging competition between banks, building societies, and other institutions which it sees as the best way of improving the service for

The council's key recommendations are: The Government should review the development of money transmission services within two or three years. If there are

A banking ombudsman to by the banks. Mr Alex Fletcher, others are not being allowed minister responsible for corpor- into cheque clearing and elecate and consumer affairs at the tronic payments systems on Department of Trade and equitable terms the Govern-Industry backed the proposal ment should consider whether for an ombudsman. Clearing Bankers should still be that customers were in general allowed to control the systems. The composite rate of interest, complained, it indentified and which favours building recommended on some areas societies, should be abolished where it saw scope for improve- and savers with banks or societies should be allowed to included opening choose whether to receive interest net or gross of tax.

> without the security of a first mortgage. Banks shold not deduct bank charges from customers' accounts without telling them charges

Building societies should have

limited powers to grant loans

Banks should give more information to customers on the cost of overdrafts. Changes should be made to the way banks adminster wills run their trustee business.

The banks should set up and pay for the banking ombuds-man, backed by an independent council, along the lines of the insurance industry's ombuds-

The Committee of London Clearing Bankers said last night that the banks had set up a working party to study the idea of a banking ombudsman. The banks would be considering two or three years. If there are individually the recommen-signs that building societies and dations on bank charges.

# Coin Street appeal lost by boroughs

The Court of Appeal placed greater emphasis on appeared yesterday finally to housing and accommodation have cleared the way for the for small industries.

The site, which occupies 13 Street site on the South Bank in central London.

Lord Justice Waller, sitting with Lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, unanimously dismissed an appeal by the Greater London Council, the London borought of Lambeth and Southwark, and the Association of Waterloo Groups. Leave to appeal to the refused, although the objectors can still apply directly to the

Lords for leave. The objectors' case was that Mr Tom King, former Secretary of State for the Environment, had acted inconsistently in granting simultaneous planning permission last January for two separate and incompatible

Sir Clive Sinclair pedicted that schemes. One scheme, submitted by and that the produce would initially be available only Greycoat Commercial Estates, consisted substantially of offices and shops. The other, prepared by the Association of Waterloo for £79.95, is less than a third of Groups, a loose federation of the price of its closest rivals. local residents associations,

The site, which occupies 13 acres between Waterloo and Blackfriars bridges, is seen as one of the most important in central London. The public inquiry into the two schemes gained much public attention in 1981 when demonstrators repeatedly interrupted the proceedings and succeeded in forcing a postponement.

The Court of Appeal's verdict upholds a refusal by Mr Justice Brown in the High Court last July to quash Mr King's

Yesterday, Lord Justice Waller said that no decision could ever be free from criticism, but that in his opinion the criticisms made in the case had no validity. He could see no prejudice in the

Since one of the last acts of the outgoing Conservative GLC administration in 1981 was to Greycoat the latter's scheme can be halted only if the Lords agree to hear a further appeal.

Firms in talks

to save

TV satellite

By Bill Johnstone

companies expecting to design and manufacture the BBC's

television satellite met govern-

ment ministers yesterday in a

final attempt to ensure that the

Mr Leon Brittan, Home

Secretary, and Mr Douglas

Hurd, minister responsible for

broadcasting, represented the Home Office, and Mr Norman

lebbit, Secretary of State for

Trade and Industry and Mr

Kenneth Baker, Minister for

Information Technology, rep-

resented the Department of

Trade and Industry.

Government advisers are

divided on whether the BBC

should be directed to sign a

contract with the satellite

manufacturers,

£350m project is not aborted.

Representatives from the

# The Law Society, the pro-

knife to her stomach.

Alexandra.

fessional body for solicitors, was seriously at fault in dealing with complaints against a solicitor according to an official report published yesterday.

The solicitor, Mr Glanville
Davis, of Queen Victoria Road,

Law Society

censured in

costs case

the roll of solicitors by a High Court judge last October. Mr Leslie Parsons, a businessman of Lon Hir,

Carmarthen, had brought court proceedings against Mr Davies after claiming that the Law Society had failed to deal properly with his complaints, which mainly concerned gross overcharging. Normally the Law Society taken such action.

After Mr Davies was struck off by Mr Justice Vinelott, Major-General John Allen, the Lay Observer attached to the Lord Chancellor's Department, investigated the case. In his report, published yesterday, General Allen said that the Law Society was seriously at fault on five occasions.

Mr Davies had acted for Mr Parsons for several years in a commercial dispute, where M Parsons received £530,000 damages. Mr Davies charged Mr Parsons £198,000, which was later reduced to £67,000 by a High Court costing official. General Allen's report said that Mr Parsons had a valid ground for complaint about the gross overcharging". The Law Society should have appreciated

The Law Society said yester day that it accepted the Lay

### 15 stone, the boy jumped on his back, pushed him to the floor, and "just kept Own magazine. Sex-case optician is struck off

from Dumfries, Scotland.

kicking him. "Of course I was frightened," the boy said. "It was the only thing I could do. I did not want my mum to get killed."

Sharon Pankhurst, aged 10 saved four of

ber brothers from a fire at their home in

Leeds two mouths ago. She threw the boys -

aged five, four, two, and one - out of a window to her father 20 feet below. Only

Shaun Nethercott, aged 12, from Exeter; Andrew McLean, aged 5, from Penwar-tham, Preston; Sarah Foggon, aged 11, from

Wallsend, Tyne and Wear; Angela Carruthers, aged 4, from Dumfriesshire, Scotland; Richard Neale, aged 11, from Kent; Lorraine Topham, aged 8, from Manchester, Carl Dickinson, aged 12, from Yorkshire; and Brenda Maxwell, aged 11, from Dumfries Scotland

The awards were sponsored by Woman's

Other children who received awards were

then did she jump.

Brian Harris, an optician who dmitted that he drugged women for sexual intercourse. was struck off the opthalmic opticians' register yesterday. He had the option of appealing to the Privy Council and could apply to be reinstated after 12

Happy heroine: Sharon Pankhurst, aged 13 with comedians Eric Morecombe and Ernie

Wise at Westmister Abbey yesterday. Two months ago Sharon saved four of her brothers

from a fire (Photograpph: Brian Harris).

Children receive bravery awards

Ten children were guests of honour at a

carol service in Westminster Abbey yester-

A youngster who tackled an armed

burglar twice his size, a girl who saved the

lives of her four brothers, a scout who

overcame a horrific accident, were three examples of the bravery and endurance shown by the 10 "Children of Courage" who

received bravery awards from Princess

Jerome Kislingbury, aged 13, wrestled with a would-be burglar who attacked his mother with a knife. The boy, from

Connaught Road, Reading, woke to see a

strange figure bending over his sleeping

sister. The man wandered into his mother's

bedroom. As she telephoned the police the

man pinned her against the wall, holding a

Although the man was 6ft 2in and about

Mr Harris, of Cotesmere Edna, on hearing the General Optical Council's disciplinary bearing in Harley Street, London, were surrounded by press

decision came after a trial last with my full consent".

had persuaded two women to sign a sex contract after drugging them with cannabis

and making love.

### sex offences. Mr Andrew Mirams, for the optical council, told yesterday's hearing that Mr Harris had advertised for a live-in housekeeper in a local newspaper and

April at which he was given an 18-month suspended sentence

and fined £1,600 with £1,000

costs after admitting drugs and

The contract signed by two

Mr Harris was struck off for part: "I further undertake and contravening section 11 of the understand that any forms of Opticians Act, 1958. The sex play or intercourse will be

# £102,000 for sex loss man

Mr Jonathan Kelly, whose sexual life was ruined in a car crash, was awarded £102,000 damages in the High Court

'Mr Kelly, a computer oper-ator, was 17 when he suffered a "frightening catalogue" of injuries in the crash in 1977, Mr Justice Comyn said.

Officers Association was guilty of sex discrimination by threatening industrial action if the Home Office did not move Mrs

Wright from her job as a kitchen supervisor, at the

Warrington House detention centre for young offenders in

Staffordshire, to other work in a

The tribunal's reserved de-

cision makes it unlawful for a

union to strike or threaten

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper. QC.

for the association, had argued

that Mrs Wright was a security

risk because she could not

Teacher 'lost

iob over baby'

A former convent school

teacher, Miss Eileen Flynn, told

an employment appeals tri-bunal in co Wexford in the Irish

Republic yesterday that she lost

her job because she became

The head of the Holy Faith

Order told an earlier hearing

that Miss Flynn was dismisse

action against a woman.

search the male prisoners.

woman's prison.

"Here is a young man who

Gloucester Avenue, Primrose Hill, north London, said: "I have much social life

The damages will be paid by the driver, Mr Leslie Evans, of Finchely Road, Golders Green,

Mr Kelly, aged 23, of

ner is unemployed with that of entitled

year.
Family Expenditure Surrey 1982,
Department of Employment
(Stationary Office, £14).

Average weekly household

# **Brittan announces** drive against rising drug abuse

detective is to be seconded to ating from Holland.
the Dutch police to lisse on Mr Brittan also announced drug trafficking as part of neasures announced yesterday by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home

Mr Brittan, speaking at a diplomatic huncheon in London, announced a Government strategy against what he de-scribed as "an alarming upsurge in the abuse of dangerous

drugs".

Between 1980 and last year heroin seizures rose fivefold, while cocaine seizures this year are already five times larger than in the whole of last year, The Times has been told that the number of new addicts registered by the Home Office rose by more than 40 per cent in the first nine months of this year and the figures are

expected to continue rising.

Mr Brittan will not only try to stem heroin trafficking but also strike at abuse of a various pharmaceutical drugs. The measures have been under discussion for some time. Mr Brittan said that the British Government is already

working closely with Pakistan which provides 80 per cent of Britain's illicit beroin – and Britain is now planning to provide £180,000 to strengthen

Pakistani policing.
For some time a British customs officer has been working part-time in Karachi. Next year a customs officer will be posted full-time in Pakistan. At the same time a senior

much of

home budget

A British officer is to be British police officer will work stationed in Pakistan to moni- in The Hague with Dutch police tor heroin production and a to fight heroin smugglers oper-

that the United Kingdom is to sign the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Drugs, which is aimed at controlling the movement of many pharmaceutical drugs often abused in the Third World. Britain has been slow to sign and was in danger of

becoming isolated.

The Home Secretary announced that a synthetic opiate called dipipanone or Dicanol would in future be prescribed only by specially licensed doctors. The drug is widely used by young multiple drug abusers and is the centre of a large black market partly fuelled by overprescribing doctors.

The Misuse of Drugs Act is to

be widened to include some of the barbiturate drug family which are also subject to wide

Mr Brittan said he gave notice that he would not hesitate to issue a temporary order to stop doctors pescribing while they are under investi-gation for prescribing irrespon-

The Home Secretary said he would also seek to introduce legislation for the confisciation by the courts of the proceeds of crime. He said: "We must hit the criminals who profit from the misery of drug addiction and hit them hard'

The final section of the government strategy involves greater education to persuade

# Wives earn | Government sues over cruise leak

By David Walker Working wives, who some ministers believe should stay at home, contribute an important sum to family budgets, according to the latest official survey on how the British spend their

The average gross weekly income in households in which a married woman goes out to work full or part time is nearly a third higher than in those in which she does not have paid employment, according to the

Family Expenditure Survey for last year.

The figures, issued by the Department of Employment, show that between 1981 and last year household income rose, after tax and national insurance

by 51/2 per cent. shows (below).

Comparing the income of households where the breadwin-

working households, the survey shows a significant drop in their wellbeing between 1981 and last

expenditure

Housing (rent, mortgage, repains, Clothes, shoes
Appliances, Inc TV and Insur.
Other goods (ag pets)
Cars, public transport
Misc (postage, hairdressing, school fees)

# The Government sued The

Guardian newspaper in the High Court in London yester-day in an effort to identify the "mole" who leaked a secret memorandum about the delivery of cruise missiles to Greenham Common. Mr Michael Heseltine,

Secretary of State for Defence, and Sir Michael Havers, QC, Attorney General, asked Mr Justice Scott to order The Guardian to hand over, unmutilated, a copy of the memorandum delivered anonymously and published in the newspaper. Mr Simon Brown for the

minister and the Attorney General submitted that the Government was entitled to have the document returned Households spent about £134 unmutilated "so that the leake may be and staunched"

The newspaper is resisting the move, claiming that it is to protect anonymous source under the Contempt of Court Act. 1981. The memorandum was from

Mr Heseltine to the Prime Minister interests of national security", Mr Brown said. The documents newpapers's unmutilated copy

bore origin markings and the could identify which of the seven originals was leaked. In a sworn statement read by Lord Rawlinson, QC, for the paper, Mr Peter Preson, the editor, said he considered that fied as a political memorandum beween colleagues with no national security implications.

Judgment is expected today.

# One driver in four fails checks

### Police deny using random breath tests By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

em to take a breath test at the start of a Christmas road safety campaign. One in four drivers failed the test. body; or The times and places of stops were advertised in ad-

A policeman, who need not an officer time to carry out his

> A breath test may be required to be taken at or near the place where the requirement is made or at a police station specified by the policeman if there has been an

suspect that the prescribed

person fails to take a breath

rson at a police station to take a breath test unless it is not practicable to use the machine, or the person cannot use it for medical reasons, or it is suspected that the person may have taken drugs. In such cases, a specimen of blood (the usual choice) or urine may be

reading from the breath analy-50 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath.

The prescribed limit of alcohol is 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath; 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of 107

alcohol per 100 millilitres of

alleged offence was not less than the evidence obtained may be rebutted if the accused being in charge of the vehicles.

impaired. There is a statutory of if it can be proved that the

The penalty for refusing to submit to a test without a reasonable excuse is a fine of up to £200. Procedures provide for a driver categorized as a problem drinker being medi-cally examined and being permitted to resume driving only after effective treatment of Dennis Nilsen. Four of the victims were unidentified.

### Woman can THE DIFFERENCE A remain in kitchen **REGULAR MONTHLY** Mrs Jean Wright, aged 51, has won a legal fight to spend her working life cooking and washing up for 150 nmales. In a 43-page decision, a Birmingham industrial tribunal INCOME MAKES: ruled yesterday that the Prison

What 111/2% pa.gross earns you every month								
Investment	Average monthly income	Investment	Average monthly income					
£ 2,000	£ 19·17	£12,000	£115-00					
£ 4,000	£ 38.33	£15,000	£143.75					
£ 5,000	£ 47-92	£18,000	£172-50					
£ 6,000	£ 57.50	£20,000	£191.67					
£ 8,000	£ 76.67		1 £1,000 invested					
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vance, Mr David Bryant, a Sussex pelice spokesman, said. A sample of drivers was stopped for a general check of vehicles under section 159 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972. This says that a driver must comply with a uniformed officer's signal to step and give

> If an officer suspects that a driver, when stopped, has alcohol in his body above the limit a test would be given. A policeman in uniform may require a breath test to be taken

when he reasonably suspects A person driving, attempting to drive or in charge of a for vehicle on a road or other public place has alcohol in his

• A person who has been limits are being exceeded or if a driving, attempting to drive or been in charge of a motor vehicle on the road or other public place had alcohol in his body and still has alcohol in his

Dr Jones after the hearing at

Maldon vesterday.

A person who has been driving, attempting to drive or been in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place has committed a moving traffic offence.

necessarily be in uniform, may require a breath test - if an accident occurs because of the presence of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place -from any person whom he has easonable cause to believe was driving or attempting to drive or was in charge of a vehicle at the time of the accident.

A policeman may arrest without warrant any person if he has reasonable cause to

The breath tests carried out at the roadside are for screening purposes. If the tests show that a driver may be over the limit, he will be taken to a police station for further tests. A policeman may require a

There is no right to ask for a blood or urine test unless the sis machine is between 35 and

The police, however, have the right to select which sample is taken.

The presumption that the at the time of the

person can prove that he or she had consumed alcohol after driving, attempting to drive, or It must also be proved that had this alcohol not been consumed in the intervening period, the prescribed limit would not have been exceeded or the ability to drive not

defence when the alleged effence is for "being in charge", circumstances at the time were such that there was no likelihood of driving while the prescribed limit was exceeded.

> iving with a married man. Nilsen verdicts The Hornsey coroner, Dr David Paul, directed a jury yesterday to return verdicts of unlawful killing on nine victims

pregnant.

# welcomed sex and wanted it", the judge said.

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ENVIRONMENT

Mr Patrick Jenkia, Secretary of

State for the Environment, in a

statement to the Commons, held

ent by the Chancellor of the

level of local authority current

amount of, and method of distributing Rate Support Grant to

local authorities; and third, the arrangements for grant holdback for

authorities who spend above target.
There is of course a fourth clement – namely the level of rates

and precepts, these are fixed by each

local authority in the light of its own spending decisions and of the impact of the other three elements.

In each of the last four years, local authority current spending has far

predecessors have had to take account of this by increasing the

Despite that, local authorities have

still budgetted to overspend by a

In the context of our policy of holding public spending in check -a

policy repeatedly endorsed by this House - such substantial over-

pending cannot be ignored. In order to keep total public spending under control, other spending

programmes have to be cut, including local authorities' own

capital spending.

Those who complain loudest

about restrictions on capital spend-ing are often those who have forced

them on us by excessive current spending.

authorities are budgetting this year to spend at or within 2 per cent above target. The great bulk of the overspend arises from the decisions of the remaining 20 per cent of authorities to spend above those

authoriues to spend above those levels - some of them by tens of

Indeed, no more than sixteen

authorities are responsible for around three quarters of the total overspend As the House knows, it

is the Government's intention to deal directly with that problem of

he highest overspenders in a Bill which I hope to introduce before

Christmas. But that must be for another day. This statement relates

to 1984-85, which of course cannot

be affected by the proposed.

For the next year, therefore, we

reductions in local authority current

pending across the board. At the

same time, we must make a greater

main proposals for next year's settlement. There have been two.

meetings of the Consultative council on Local Government i mance; my colleagues and I have met a great many deputations from individual councils, and we have a progreat arrivers representations.

from many more.
As the House will see, we have

Of course, not all local authorities

further £770m or 3.8 per cent

within the targets he had set.

a rate described by BUPA as very competitive". The places will not be the home will include single covered by BUPA insurance. and double rooms, with the six Those living there will have to psycho-geniatric rooms screened BUPA subscribers has dropped finance their stay from their off from the rest of the building own or relatives' income or The home will provide

places for the mentally infirm, with a place expected to cost

between £150 and £175 a week,

from the newly-established Department of Health and Social Security payments for accommodation in residential and nursing homes if they are on supplementary benefit. BUPA subscribers, however,

places in the home. laces in the home.

residential homes and hoped to market this year will have been Mr Derek Damerell, chief learn from others' mistakes, to between 2 and 3 per cent, and

executive of BUPA, said that provide a high standard of care BUPA's forecast is about 3 per the project was experimental. at reasonable cost.

The home will be aimed chiefly at the over-75s, the "frail considering providing insurance cent growth overall next year. "The exceptional growth of at the over-75s, the "frail considering providing insurance considering providing considering providing considering providing considering providing considering considerin

rate bill for some targets for most high spenders
The stranglehold successive Tory
represent a cash cut of up to 6 per
ministers have placed on local
authorities is to be further tightened

Jenkin predicts lower

minor changes which will have the Mr Jenkin: He asked if the targets effect of increasing targets for some were not impossibly tough and 107 authorities.

Mr Jenkin: He asked if the targets were not impossibly tough and would mean a slashing of essential

even cuts in rates for some people. This would be possible, he said, if local authorntes budgetted to spend The three changes, which all operate to reduce the budget of operate and so increase the neadroom for next year, cover Mr Jenkin said: Local authority current spending forms part of the total of public expenditure. For next year, the House endorsed that total oudgeted transfers from housing revenue account; budgeted interest per cent of expenditure: and in the debate following the publication of the Antonin Stateexpenditure more than 2 per cent below target for 1983-84. The third change will give those authorities like Birmingham who budget well The Rate Support Grant report which is published today deals with three elements which bear on the target an incentive to

Even with these changes, the targets are tough for everyone, but they are much tougher on the mmority of high spending auth-orities where the biggest scope for spending. These are, first, the targets for individual authorates which, in aggregate, relate to the total figure in the Autumn Statement; second, the

Exchequer gram for next year will be £11,900m. £90m more than in the current year. It is \$1.9 per cent of total relevant expenditure ared with 52.8 per cent for this year. Although their are a number of technical changes in the method of distributing the grant to local authorities, these should have only a limited effect on the individual

The third element in the exceeded the provision made in the public expenditure White Papers. In each RSG settlement, therefore, my settlement is the grant holdback. As the House knows, the system is intended to reinforce the pressure of block grant by making sure that the impact of overspending falls on atepayers to whom local authorities 1983-84, the provision was in-creased this time last year by about 11,100m, or around 6 per cent. general body of taxpayers

their target, I confirm the pattern of holdback proposed in October. At ratepayer level, holdback will be at the rate of 2p in rate poundage terms for the first I percentage point of overspend: 4p for the second: 8p for the third; and 9p for each percentage point above that.
Next, disregards. Certain spending is disregarded, that is, it does not

count against an authority's spending for the purposes of the target and holdback regime. As this year, we shall disregard increased urban programme expenditure by partner-ship and programme authorities, and increased expenditure on civil

For next year, there will be an additional disregard. I propose to disregard increased expenditure on community care schemes are jointly financed with health authorities. I hope that this relaxation will be widely welcomed by local authorities. The House will wish to know the impact of all this on the level of

spend in line with the targets I have set, the average increases facing ratepavers next year should be very could be rate reductions. High rates to industry's competitiveness and destructive of jobs. It is now up to each local authority to take its spending decisions in the light of the announcements I have made and with a clear view of the impact of those decisions upon their rate-

Dr John Cunnispham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environ-ment, (Copeland, Lab): How will he explain to local authorities that the distinction between the majority of black grant for next year representational authorities who have made a real terms out of £169m compared with 1082784 without actourless. minority of high spenders who have not.

Since August I have been consulting local authorities on the will result, and which will be well above the rate of inflation?

Will be confirm that the total of will be confirmed that the total of the confirmed that the confirmed that

targets for 1984/85 he has just announced will be over £400m below local authorities' budgets in the current year, and therefore much more below their budgets for met a great many deputations from next year?

Individual councils, and we have is it not true that, after provision for inflation, the Government is

asking local authorities to cut back by £1,450m or almost 7 per cent in

As the House will see, we have taken account of some of the points raised with us in the settlement which I am announcing today. The main features are as follows.

Provision for local authority current spending for 1984-85 is 120,400m an increase of over 1,500m on the provision made in last February's public expenditure White Paper. The aggregate of targets comes to just over this figure 1,20,500m. This is about 3 per cent ingher than the total of targets for the current year. The basis of fixing targets remains broadly as I proposed in August.

The distinction between low spending and high spending authorities will be much more marked next year than bitherto. The targets for most low spending authorities of all the anti-democratic nature of the Government's policies and

orties will be much more market of all the anti-democratic nature or next year than bitherto. The targets for most low spending authorities represent a cash increase of 3 per cent over their budget this year. The

to the point where budgets and rates will be dictated from Whitehall.

services. The answer is no. The

cent more than the targets for this

year and that is not imreasonable in

the present circumstances.

The targets are framed to put the

spenders and many of these are

authorities which have made no effort at all to reduce their spending

We know there is su

scope for economies im such authorities without jeopardizing

reasonable service levels.

He asked if it is a real terms cut.

The answer is neither be nor I are in

any position to put a figure on what that means because it all depends on how fast the costs of local government go up next year.

Some 70 per cent of local unbegity costs are on wages and if

authority costs are on wages and if local government achieve low wage

settlements this year a 3 per cent ash increase will mean only a small

eal terms cut.
I do not disguise the fact that we

are having to ask for economies across the board in local govern-ment and in the rest of the public

C): Why should a low spending well administered county like Essex.

administered county like Essex, which for years has kept its expenditure under control, be

sible behaviour of high spending

Mr Jenkin: We have to look for savings from all authorities. That is

not always wholly fair. If we can limit the rates of the highest

penders perhaps we can deal in a ittle more relaxed way with those

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab): His

statement will be greeted with dismay in the local community and

Beaumont-Dark: Making

councils into quangos

may well set off a fuse which will

ad to disorder and the complete

Mr Jenkin: The extravagance of his

Mr Jenkin: The extravagance of ms language is unworthy of him. Hackney's problems are beginning to come home to roost. What the people of Hackney will object to is the appallingly high rates which will be charged on them as a result of the

council's profligacy. Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiver-

on, C): Those of us who regard the

esent rating system as an unjust rm of taxation will be bound to

vote against an order which

increases the proportion of local government expenditure funded by

alternative which appears to command any consensus. The Government has decided to stick

Mr William O'Brien (Normanton,

Lab): This means further hardship for local government. What he has

related is a further admission that the Government has failed in its philosophy and promise to abolish

Mr Jenkin: The Government

recognizes that the targets are tough.
The budgeted spending of local
authorities is running far ahead of
the amounts approved by the
House. In these circustances we

have to ask local authorities to make economies to keep their total spending in line with the total which this House approved as recently as

last month.

Many local authorities have

Mr Christopher Smith (Islington

South and Finsbury, Lab): His

statement that the targets will be particularly tough on high spending authorities reveals that his targets

with the rate system.

inherently unjust form of

breakdown of local government.

who have budgeted responsibly.

Bernard Braine (Castle Point,

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Cunningham: Rates will be dictated from Whitehall

will be set purely on political grounds and will be totally unrelated to the genuine needs in these communities, the needs of the elderly, children, the disabled and others in receipt of local authority SELVICES.

Mr Jenkin: On the contrary, it reflects the needs of high spending authorities because the target methodology is based on the GRE. assessed needs under the GRE which reflect the real social

deprivation in their areas.

That does not justify those authorities spending in a profligate way, increasing manpower, putting huge burdens on their ratepayers and then claiming it is necessary to Sir Authony Grant (South West

Cambridgeshire, C): Those councils, like Cambridgeshire, which have over the 'years exercised prudent financial control and directly suffer under the RSG nonetheless agree with the need to curb the loony Mr Jenkin: Cambridgeshire

exactly the kind of low spen economically efficient authority that stands to gain once we have it in our power to curb what he refers to as the loony councils.

Mrs Angels Rambold (Mitcham and Morden, C): Can he indicate whether, if the 16 profligate amborities had not been so profligate, the remaining authorities might have had a more flexible RSG Mr Jenkin: That is right. If we did

not face the massive overspend by 20 per cent of authorities who are spending miles above their target we would not have had to seek the savings across the board that we did. Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab): This RSG statement is not an attack on overspending authorities but on those in need of services provided by local authorities. It is a worthy Christmas present from this Government to those in need.

If Charles Dickens was alive today he would have been saying that Tory fact is even stranger than his first terms.

Mr Jenkin: There are plenty of authorities with majority parties of all political persuasions who have effectively faced up to the responsibility of fiving within their targets; 80 per cent of them, including many Labour controlled authorities Mr Anthony Beaumout-Dark (Bir-mingham, Selly Oak, Cr Does he

really think that making councils into elected quangos is not telling people that rates are going to be able to drop more than they really are? Is he not making a rod for his own back in addition to taking away democracy from elected people? Mr Jenkin: He is using extravagan language in suggesting that a local authority whose spending is to be

turned into a quango. It will remain elected, with a wide measure of discretion over how it spends the money available to it. Those who argue that this is the end of local Mr Jenkin: He is entitled to his view. No Government has fought harder for an alternative system of local authority finance. There is no

Lab): By his attempts to control the spending of a few local authorities he has brought us to the threshold of constitutional crisis which is deeply worrying even to many Conserva

Mr Jenkin The argument about a constitutional crisis is abourd. There is a convention that spending should remain within the total approved by the Commons. We are faced with a minority of authorities which have cast that convention to

Mr Eric Heffer, chief Opposition Mr Eric Heffer, chief Opposition spokesman on housing and construction: He is supposedly the Merseyside minister. How can he honestly say Merseyside local authorities, particularly the Liver-pool one, are overspenders when there is a great social need – high unemployment, poverty, deprivation and the terrible conditions which masses of our record live in

Mr Jenkins: Merseyside has had shown that they can make savings by increasing efficiency without cutting services. It is time that the rest did. hundreds of millions of pounds of government aid in the last two or government and in the last two or three years - far more than any other area. That is the Govern-ment's recognition of the problems there. But that does not absolve the local authorities from seeking to budget sensibly, economically and efficiently.

# **BBC** attacked over sex and violence

might be due in some part to the

way they were portrayed on

Lady Saltona (Ind) said television

had largely replaced books, games,

conversation, newspapers, and the

cinema as principle sources of entertainment for most families and

Therefore sex, violence, torture and horror which came into the

home via television, ought to be

returned to the cinema where it could be controlled by certification and those under 18 excluded by law.

Lord Howard of Henderskelf, a

former Chairman of the BBC, said

he had always attached enormous importance to the accountability of

the BBC, first by its Charter through which it was directly accountable to

Parliament and secondly to the

The BBC had endevoured to improve that accountability.

unthinkable in Lord Reith's day. Carlton Greene who initiated the

permissive age liked bawdy jokes, made no secret of it, and did not see

Lord Beloff (C) said that many

Lord Elton. Under Secretary, Home

been to see the Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) this week to tell him

of its charter had to exclude anything which offended against good taste and decency, was likey to

should not be subject to governmen

standards had been placed in the hands of the broadcasting auth-

orities independent of government.

On issues such as sex and iolence the authorities had to make

heir own judgments about what

would be acceptable to viewers and

listners taking account of such things as the timing of programmes, the way subjects were treated and the changing public attitude and

Those were difficult matters and

the judgment of the authorities would always be challenged.

The authorities should be fully responsive to public reaction of

small proportion of the lettes sent to the BBC, the Government could not proceed as if there were sufficient

ablic who were the viewers.

nerieuce from it.

children gained much of their

**HOUSE OF LORDS** 

obligation to reform and strengther the obscene publications legislation as a first step to the BBC and IBA restraining offensive material in heir television programmes, Lord Nagent of Guildford (C) said when he opened a debate in the House o Lords on the BBC annual report.

Giving examples of what went over on television screens he said. that in a BBC programme for youngsters they were shown three relationships for their future lives. The first was an engaged couple be conventionally married; the second, a couple not married "shacked up" and the third, couple of homosexuals.

To teach youngsters (he said) that promiscuity and perverted relation-ships are a serious alternative to marriage as a way of life is both dangerous and irresponsible. It is treating them as bodies without

The BBC defended this programme as being educational which showed a picture of the crucifixion with Christ with a cigar in his mouth as a parody for an advertisement for cigars. The IBA had the grace to applicate. had the grace to apologize.

had the grace to approprie.

He was concerned about the erosion of standards in national life. The trend of television programmes showing more sex and violence influenced young minds to contrib-

Lord Misheon, for the Opposition, criticized the Yesterday in Parlia-ment programme for leaving out important debates in the House of Lords which, he said, many members of the public would have Lord Taylor of Gryfe (SDP) said the

two broadcasting systems should not regard them selves as being in strict competition. They should induce into this area a degree of coexistence between the two systems rather than feel that all the time they were competing in the race for ratings.

The Bishop of Norwich (the Rt Rev Maurice Wood) wondered if in th sacred name of freedom they needed to have as much bad language on TV "for the sake of verisimilitude". Constant vigilance was needed on the part of the corporation in terms of blasphenty and observity Lady Lane-Fox (C) said a large part

of the blame for the lowering of standards lay with the scriptwriters and playwrights. She had at one time thought of making a career of scriptwriting but found the use of making scripts sound more natural. She hoped scriptwriters and buyers of scripts would find themselves outdated in their beliefs. The many complaints about BBC nes showed there crisper, less grubby appetite which

he believed the present standard of example, the depiction of sexual relationships, was about right and He was concerned at the casual Demand for

shackle

export ban

A Midlands firm was making and

exporting gang chains, kg shackles and similar things to countries where there were violations of human rights, Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) said during Com-

mons questions.
He said such things could be used

for coercion, degredation and torture, and asked Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to take powers

Mr Tebbit I note what he says. It is not clear that the truth of the matter is entirely established. While there are no international understandings

on such exports, if this country did not export' them somebody else would (Labour interruptions.)

Mr Peter Flardy (Wentworth, Lab), said that MPs on both sides had

supported him when he said there should be restraint in exporting

instruments designed to administer electric shocks to people in penal

Mr Tebbit He raises a fair point. I have not excluded taking action. I am explaining some of the problems in making any action effective. We

to stop these exports.

INDUSTRY

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab) said

### Peers claim whisky is medicine language and action and thought the decline in the standards of the police

A plea for a reduction in taxation on Scotch whisky was made by Lord Boothby (Ind) during Lords question time, when he said it was a better medicine than any drug, but the penal taxation put its comforts beyond the reach of all but the well-

Lard Boothby said: What possible justification is there for continuing to tax Scotch whisky much mon heavily than imported fortified

Lord Cockfield, for the Government replied: Tradition and the needs of the revenue (laughter). Lord Boothly: Does the Govern-

ment realise that in the modern world. Scotch whisky is about the only thing left that brings guaran-teed, and sustained comfort to What is the purpose of pursuing a policy which, by means of penal taxation on a particular commodity.

for the comparatively well-to-do and simultaneously reduces the revenue to the Exchequer, damages The Earl of Halsbury (Ind), a former governor of the BBC, said that what was lacking was leader-ship at the top. The type of complaints which Mrs Whitehouse sens to the BBC would have been the export trade and constitutes a erious threat to the economy of Scotland where many distilleries are acing possible closure? Lord Cockfield: I appreciate his centiments, Taxation on Scotch

whisky raises approximately £1,200m a year which is not an what was wrong with it.

Swearing had a social function but it could be overdone. insignificant sum. During the lifetime of this Government, taxation on Scotch whisky, the excise duty, has increased by 45.5 per cent while the duty on fortified people felt there was a degree of complacency at the BBC which was inevitable in a bureaucracy. wines has increased by 76.9 per cent. The Government has therefore senificantly shifted the burden of Office, said the chairman and director general of the RBC had exation away from whisky. As this is the season of good will

of the current state of their thinking on direct broadcasting by satellite. Their present plans would enable DBS to come to familion although of different political complexions, the total taxation on whisky in real terms, has declined by 45 per cent. DBS to come to finition although perhaps not on the original timetalle envisaged.

On violence in broadcasting, he Lord Shinwell (Ind): As this liquid is in general consumption by peers and many cannot do without it because it is in the nature of a medicine, could it be referred to the expenses with the suggestion it be included as being set against expenses incurred? (laughter).

incite to crime or disorder, or be offensive to public feeling.

Successive governments had taken the view that broadcasting Lord Cockfield: Unfortunately I committee on peers expenses. The Government has taken a number of measures to assist the whisky industry, for example a substantial measure of duty deferment for wines and spirits was introduced which improved the cash flow of the whisky industry by £200m and the Government has secured a refund from the European Community on cereals used by distillers The Bishop of Narwich (the Rt Rev Maurice Wood) who said that

although he was not a whisky drinker himself, perhaps a tax free day-might be set aside to celebrate Lord Boothby's 100th birthday. I might (he added) be tempted on that day myself. Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Telecommunications Bill, third reading, Lords (3): Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill, second reading,

greviences to make wholesale reforms of the law. have a general block on supporting | competitive in a major way, what exports particularly and, if neces-sary, prohibiting exports, which could be used for repression, for do about it? We take action in some of these

### Trade deficit arithmetic : questioned

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on Trade and industry, asked during Commons questions how the adverse trend in Britain's manufacturing, trade could be reconciled with comments by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, about improving the the competitiveness of British industry

Mr Shere asked Mr Tebbit if he denied that last year there was a surplus on Britain's manufacturing trade of about £2,500m and that this year, on current trends, it looked like beign a deficit of £2,000m. Can Mr Tebbit recall any year in which a more massive adverse movement in our balance of trade

Mr Tebbit: He does not apply his mind to the basic arithmetic. Is he

spriously suggesting that we should run a huge surplus on manufactured goods, 'oli and invisibles, and cases. It is sometimes not easy to conclude the purpose for which the Japanese do it.—Does he suggest we should adopt Japanese trading practices and wreck the whole of the world's trade structure?

### 'Come home' call to car designers

The Government is determined to enhance the status of designers and their role in Britain's economic fight back, Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary for Trade and Industry, told MPs during questions. Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry.

had said it was a major blow to this objective that United States car manufacturing operating in this country had transferred their design capability to the continent.

on the design front are wide ranging. It is certainly the case that a number of foreign cars, including German cars which have high import penetration into this country, are movement in our balance of trade has taken place (he added) apart from the fact that this is the first year in our recorded history when we have had a deficit on manufactured goods?

If this is clear evidence that British industry is ceasing to be on the design front are wide ranging. It is certainly the case that a number of foreign cars, including German cars which have high import penetration into this country, are designed by British people.

We have to create opportunities for these people to come back.

### Reith lecture

# Call for 'free' royal commissions

A permanent royal commission with a pool of 200
members able to conduct independent and statesmanlike investigations" into issues

Thatcher. Since becoming Prime Minister in 1979 she has of public importance was advocated last night by Sir Douglas Wass, former Perma-nent Secretary to the Treasury, in the year's final BBC Reith

Unlike previous royal com-missions, the Wass-model would have powers to pick its own subjects for invest Sir Douglas said he could think of many matters that would benefit from "dispassionate and authorative investigation free from party and sectional preju-He mentioned the political

supervision of the police, the relevance of the social security system to poverty and incen-tive, and the financing of higher education. He would be happy to accept the risk that the a spread of ages, backgrounds, commission would investigate constitutional issues such as proportional representation, the jury system, and the disestab-lishment of the Church of England,

not founded one royal commission. In the code used by former officials, an indirect attack on

the more dogmatic Thatcherites was detectable when Sir Douglas turned to the need for empirical research and evidence as a basis for policy-making. There are some politicians

of a more ideological cast of mind, who are unenthusiastic. Facts can be uncomfortable bedfellows alongside dogmatic Sir Douglas's reason for backing a "super' royal com-

mission was his desire for public knowledge and partici-pation to be enriched. Appointments would be for a fixed period. They would reflect

and professions. The crucial link between the subject matter of investigation and the government of the day, which in the past has always

picked it, would be broken.

Geoffrey Smith For the second time within a

Commentary

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The Paris Semapage:

week the Speaker found it necessary on Tnesday to ask Mr Kinnock, with courtesy and as much delicacy as he thought appropriate, not to overdo it at stion Time. The previous Wednesday the

Speaker had sought, without immediate success, to bring to a conclusion Mr Kinnock's marathon multi-question to the Prime Minister on her Athens statement. This week it was when Mr Kinnock rose to par his fourth successive question to Mrs Thatcher that the Speaker intervened. These episodes naturally gave much pleasure on the

Conservative benches. But that was not particularly significant. A party leader must expect no-be jeered by the opposing team. It is when he upsets his own party that he needs to worry. sition can exercise his preroga-tive to ask as unlimited number. of questions, but if he does so he reduces the amount of time available to other members of his party to put their questions.

When Mr Kinnock rose once again on Tuesday the expression on Mr Dennis Skinner's face was a study. He too had a contribution to make, which he will not have considered less relevant or telling than Mr Kinnock's.

Mr Kinnick's mistake is. certainly to attach too importance to these iousts with Mrs Thatcher, Hee should appreciate that most leaders of the Opposition over the past 30 years have gone on to win a general election after having come off worse in their encounters with the Prime Minster at Question Time. The advantages of the

premiership are so great that a. wise Leader of the Opposition will not strive too desperately. be careful to conduct himself in a a way that will not damage. morale on his backbenches. Behind the leader,

a seething ambition;

One of the laws of British. politics is that while the open-combat is between parties, the competition that really matters to a politician is within his own party. In the Labour Party he will need the support of his peers to be elected to the Shadow Cabinet. In any party he will have to win the favour of his superiors to be given office.

Behind any leader there is a mass of seething, frustrated ambition, striving for the attention of the party. If he fails to take account of that he will not long retain the confidence of his supporters; but so long as he is sustained by his party he will not come to much harm in the House of

The critical parliamentary moments are not when both sides are shonting at each other. It is when one is on the rampage and the other is sitting in embarrassed silence. But for a politician really to exercise authority is the house he must command attention from members of other parties as

### The macabre charm of Norman Tebbit

This comes most easily when they are simply interested to hear what he has to say. Dr Owen, especially on foreign affairs, is listened to with respect these days. Mr Healey has been providing his new leader with an object lesson in the art of harrying a government at the drop of any international crisis. He has done this partly by deploying his massive knowledge of foreign affairs with oportunistic skill: and partly by force of personality. He has the experi-ence and the confidence that comes from the extinction of hope. He knows now that he can never make it to the top.

Force of personality is also Mr. Tebbit's greatest parlia-mentary strength. He gives the impression of being sure of himself and his subject matter. Even for his most hostile critics he has a certain macabre fascination. They may shout at him, but they listen too.

Long experience is not essential, however, for parlia-

mentary authority. One of the newcomers to the Shadow Cabinet, Mr Robin Cook, has shown impressive glimpses of the necessary quality - though he has the advantage of being the Labour spokesman in a field, European affairs, where a number of Conservative members are sympathetic to his views. The one quality shared by

these and all other accomplished parliamentary performers is a sense of confidence. That is Mrs. Thatcher's greatest parliamentary strength. But assurance can sometimes be conveyed most eloquently by allowing others to do most of the

# BUPA plans to build its first old people's home

The British United Provident expected to grow significantly in cause it was not an insurable

others, charities, or possibly building societies, might become involved.

Mr Mike Smith, director of restore BUPA's competitive BUPA Hospitals Ltd, said edge.
BUPA had examined what Mr Damerell said yesterday are likely to receive priority for others had done in providing that overall growth in the

Association is to build a the coming years.

At the moment, he said, the vesterday, BUPA also announced increases of between 4 and 5 per cent in its basic traditional role of providing private health care and hospitals funded by insurance.

The 36-place home, which will cost £1.5m, will include six places for the mentally infirm.

The present scheme will be last year, which resulted in BUPA losing between 300 and

The present scheme will be financed from BUPA's reserves, but if the home is followed by others, charities, or possibly building societies, might be-Western Provident Association and the smaller commercial The home will include single insurers, offered lower rates.

by about I per cent this year, The home will provide but in recent months the nursing cover, but the aim is to association has claimed to be provide a much of a domestic winning back business, arguing setting as possible for those that other insurers will need big living out their last years there, subscription rises which will

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she could sign the visitors' book. Lady Sherman told ber it Seasonal cheer: The Queen at the opening of Newham Gen-eral Hospital in the East End was December 16, and it was of London, yesterday, with Lady Sherman, chairman of Newham Health Authority. left to a member of the audience to correct her.

The Queen then toured the After unveiling a plaque the Queen asked the date so that hospital, visiting two mixed

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# Franco-Spanish concord on Basque terrorism ends in renewed tension

After a brief honeymoon period between the French and Spanish authorities over the Basque terrorist issue following the election of a Socialist Government in Spain and promises of greater cooperation by the French, there is renewed tension between the two coun-

tries, amounting at times to

exasperation and anger. Spanish police feel that the French police are not doing nearly enough to crack down on members or supporters of ETA, the Spanish Basque terrorist organization, who have taken refuge in the French Basque country. French police feel that the Spanish police are flagrantly disrespecting French sovereignty by coming uninvited across the border in hot pursuit of suspected terrorists.

In October, four Spanish policemen were arrested in Bayonne after being caught red-handed in what looked like an pected leading ETA member as he was riding through the town on his motor cycle.

A French policeman saw four men in an unmarked car apparently deliberately crash into the motor cyclist. He intervened and the men, allof whom turned out to be members of the Spanish auti-terrorist squad, were charged with

A seamless woollen robe, traditionally believed to be that

worn by Jesus Christ on His

way to the Cross for which the

Roman soldiers drew lots, has been stolen from the St Denis

Basilica in Argenteul, to the north of Paris, where it has

been kept for the past 1,200

An anobymous caller tele-

honed the Paris newspaper

Liberation on Monday night,

before the theft had even been

discovered, to demand as "ransom" the release from

prison of three alleged mem-

bers of action directe, an

extreme leftist French terrorist

group, and the payment out of

of 300,000 francs (£25,000) to

the Polish Solidarity movement

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premeditated wounding and imprisoned. They were released last week, however, for want of sufficient evidence to bring the case to court.

Yesterday M Segundo Marey. aged 51, a businessman of Spanish origin from the French Basque border town of Hendays, was released after being kidnapped 10 days earlier by a previously unknown group calling itself the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Group.

An anonymous caller to a radio station in San Sebastian on the Spanish side of the border telephoned yesterday morning to say M Marey's kidnapping was a "warning" and that the group wanted to reply "blow by blow" to the violence perpetrated by ETA, the caller went on to make threats against French interests and personalities in Europe.

A similar message, written in broken French strewn with Spanish turns of phrase, was discovered on M Marey when was found cold and blindfolded under a tree near the frontier. The French police say that they think it was a case of mistaken identity, M Marey having been taken for an ETA sympathizer when he had no known political connexion of any kind.

However, two days after M Marey's kidnapping, an anony-

mous caller telephoned the Red Cross in San Sebastian to say that he would be set free in exchange for the release of the four Spanish policemen.

Maitre Jacques Torunaire, lawyer for the Spanish Consul-ate in Bayonne, who defended the four Spanish policemen, said that the Spanish Government was "exasperated" by the failure of the French authorities to cooperate with the Spanish police in their attempts to stamp out Basque terrorism.

Since the Socialists had come to power in Spain just over a year ago, there had been 500 ETA victims in Spain, including 49 deaths, he said. "Nowadays the terrorists who seek refuge in France do so because of what they have done, not because of what they think. Everyone knows perfectly well that the ETA leadership meets regularly on the French side of the border", he added.

Extradititon refused: The French Government yesterday refused "for legal reasons" a Spanish request to extradite Senor Juan Domingo Martinez, an alleged extreme right-wing militant, who was condemned to death by the Spanish courts last July for the murder of a Communist militant in Madrid in May 1980.

### Pentagon spies hooked on dial-a-porn

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris pry because it has the Prince of Monaco's money. And then, Jesus Christ was a revolutionary who was killed by religious imperialists."

A spokesman for the bishopric of Pontoise, in whose diocese St Denis Basilica lies, said yesterday that it did not intend to interfere in the work of the police

The robe, which is a dark reddy-purplish colour, stained with blood, was extremely fragile and for that reason was shown to the public only once every 50 years, the spokes said. It was next due to be exhibited in 1984.

Tests undertaken last year showed that the robe dated back to the beginning of the Christian era. It is said to be given by Charlemagne in the year 800 to his daughter Théodore, abbess at Argen-

# Ransom demanded for

Critics of the Reagan Administration, who have de-nounced present high levels of defence spending as "obscene", have found that their criticism has been proved in a most

nnexpected way.
The Defence Inteligence Agency, the Pentagon's version of the CIA, has been spending around \$25,000 (£18,000) a month on calls to a New York dial-a-porn" number.

The Pentagon's Inspector General said in his semi-annual report to Congress that the cost of such unauthorized use of the telephones could be as much as \$300,000 a year.

Following his recommendations, an electronic "block" has been placed on the New York number which is offered by a sex magazine called High Society and which provides, recorded message of a woman's voice describing sex acts.



the latter's arrival in Caracas for talks on the Central American crisis.

# Walesa falls ill and refuses

summons From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate yesterday refused to obey an official summous to the prosecutor's office saying that he had fever,

and back pains. Some of Mr Walesa's aides had suspected that the summons could be an attempt to dissuade the former union chief from delivering a speech tomorrow that is intended to chart Solidarity's future course

Last year, when Mr Walesa announced his intention of announced as speech, he was bundled into a car by plain clothes policemen and driven around the town of Gdausk for several hours.

A spokesman for the Walesa household said yesterday that he had fever - a temperature of as an ever — a temperature of 38.4C (about 101F) — and rheumatic back pains. Implicitly, friends of Mr Walesa have linked his ailment with the harassment handed out by police on the long journey on Tuesday to Gdansk from Czestechowa – where be Czestechowa – where he dedicated his Nobel medal to the Virgin Mary.

Tomorrow is the thirteenth anniversary of the shooting of workers on the Baltic coast, and Mr Walesa had hoped to make use of the symbolism of that event, to present his new programme. The Solidarity underground has also called for protest marches.

# Contras sink their differences

The two main groups of anti-Sandinista rebels are to begin coordinating their guerrilla attacks in northern Nicaragua. The announcement at a press conference in the Honduran capital, Tegucialpa, is the first real sign that the rival contra bands, are putting aside their deep differences and uniting their efforts to topple the Government in Managua

The Costa Rica-based Revolutionary Democratic Alliance (Arde), led by the renegade Sandinista hero, Senor Eden Pastora, said it was forming a northern front, to fight its way down through the huge eastern province of zelaya and join up with the main Arde force in the A team of four Arde rep-

resentatives said they have already held talks on coordinating operations with leaders of the CIA-backed Nicaraguan Democratic Front, (FDN). which is based in Honduras. In the past, Senor Pastora has shunned the FDN because its

guerrillas are trained and led in the field by former members of the notorious National Guard of the late Nicaraguan dictator, Anastasio Somoza.



Alexis Arguello: Fighting in the mountains.

Tegucigalpa, Senor Miguel Uros Blanco, said his recruits in the north would receive training alongside the FDN, Arms were not immediately available, but supporters in El Salvador had donated 1,000 pairs of boots. nastasio Somoza.

Though the FDN is the lightweight crown in London in The Arde spokesman in largest of the five groups of 1981.

contras. Arde's development has been the most dramatic. It began fighting in M with only 300 men, and now claims to have 7.000 armed guerrillas in have these Nicessens and another southern Nicaragua and another

2.000 awaiting weapons.

The US special envoy, Mr
Richard Stone, visited Central America recently to convince the contras to work together. There have been suggestions in Washington that unless they do so, and start producing solid military results, their CIA funds may be withdrawn.

A Sandinista amnesty for rank-and-file guerrillas, designed to woo rebel peasants away from their squabbling leadership, may be another reason why the contras feel they must now start acting in unison. The contras are nothing if not a bizarre collection. Speaking at

the press conference was Nicaragua's former would boxing champion Alexis Arguello, who said he had been fighting with Senor Pastora in the mountains for the past months. Señor Arguello held three

world titles at different weights during a long career. He defeted Britain's Jim Watt for the

# Trudeau lashes out at his critics

From John Best, Ottawa

ing dinner in Toronto on The Canadien Prime Minister Mr Pierre Trudeau, has Tuesday, the Prime Minister turned his back on Canadians gave every indication that be easerly awaiting word on his intends to pursue his initiative. eagerly awaiting word on his retirement, and on pip-squeaks" in the Pentagon who The dinner, which drew 4,000 party faithful at about £140 a plate, was billed as "The Last Supper" by many who thought that Mr Trudeau might have taken to sniping at his peace initiative.
At a Liberal Party fund-rais-

use the occasion to signal his imminent departure

Teasingly, he intimated that his remaining time should be reckoned in years rather than weeks, days or months. "I'm sorry that this will be the last supper for some of you. Fil

### Der Spiegel faces court action on Lambsdorff

From Michael Binyon

The Bonn Public Prosecutor is considering whether to proceed against the weekly magazine Der Spiegel for publishing extracts from the text of the curruption charges against Otto Graf Lambsdorff. the Economics Minister.

The prosecutor has already asked his Hamburg colleague to open investigations into the magazine's latest report on the affair, and to compare this with the text of the official accusations. Lengthy quotation of such charges before a court case is brought is forbidden

Inquiries are also going on at the Justice Ministry of North Rhine-Westphalia to find the source of the leak in the past year, Der Spiegel has published long and accurate accounts of the prosecutor's investigations.

Count Lambsdorff, who is accused of accepting bribes accused of accepting orners from the Fick group of companies in exchange for tax concessions, has made no statement on his future. But after reading the charges, his colleagues in the coalition Government now appear to have rallied behind him, and believe that there is no reason for him to resign.

The Government does not expect the Bonn court to decide before April whether to stage a trial, and coalition circles tend to think that it will decide against doing so. Both the Christian Democrats and the count's colleagues in the Free Democratic Party feel that he would make a fool of himself if he were to resign now, only to have the charges dismi

Chancellor Kohl is expected to have a long talk with the count soon and then decide himself whether to keep him in office. The affair was probably also discussed on Tuesday at the Chancellor's meeting with Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister.

The affair appears to have had little effect on the Government's popularity, which the latest opinion polls show to be now greater than it was before the debate on the deployment of Nato missiles.

A poll by the Allensbach Institute showed that 50.7 per cent of those asked would now vote for the Christian Democrats and 39 per cent for the Social Democrats. Both the Free Democrats and the Greens did poorly, however,

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# Israel hints officially it will not try to attack or kidnap Arafat

Liberation Organization leader once he was aboard a foreign ship being evacuated from the Lehanese port of Tripoli.
The first hint to this-effect

was given by Mr David Levy. the Deputy Prime Minister. who told the French newspaper. Le Monde during an interview in Geneva that the Israeli Government did not "have the least intention of attacking the Pi O Men once the evacuation was under way.
There was considerable anger

in government circles here at Mr Levy's claim, which under-mined the carefully orchestrated (abinet policy of maintaining the suspense until the last possible moment by flatly relusing to giv any public guarantee of the type being requested by a number of foreign governments.

One immediate result of what several observers were describing last night as "Mr Levys gaffe" was to further reduce his chances of securing the quick promotion to Foreign Minister which he has been demanding from Mr Yitzhak Shamir. the man who defeated him in the

senior officials tried to restore the menacing note of anthiguity to Israel's policy

Despite a string of bellicose public statements, the impression was growing yesterday that the Israelis would not attempt to attack or kidnap Mr. Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization, leader to the process of the palestine than risk facing the Israeli naval than risk facing the Israeli naval than risk facing the Israeli naval than risk facing the rough seas of this populist stream by

But backing for Mr Levy's

assertion appeared to come from Mr Mordechai Zipori, the Communications Minister who said in Tel Aviv that although israel had given no guarantee to the PLO terrorists. as a lawabiding nation, it would not attack foreign vessels. This had been the assumption made privately by a number of section Western diplomats

They regard Israel's policy of threats and brinkman-hip as a calculated form of psychological warfare designed to delay the evacuation and to increase the Arens, the Defence Minister, chances of renewed internecine and Mr Lawrence Eagleberger, warfare between the two PLO factions. The Shamir Government has shown undisguised delight in the fighting around

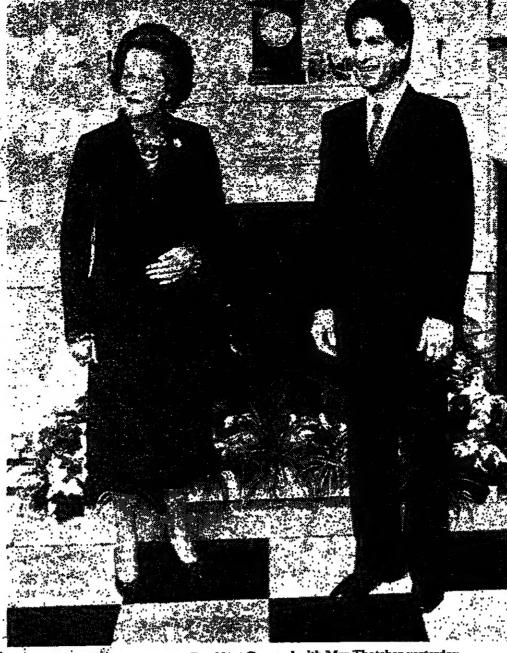
of the international community in offering to guarantee the offering to guarantee the safety of men described by one official here as "a band of cutthroats". The Cabinet is also mindful of a strong current of public opinion which is passionately opposed to the idea of permitting Mr Arafat a no quarter in the battle against the terrorists".

force patrolling the rough seas of this populist stream by demanding Mr Arafat's "physical liquidation" in Tripoli. One Israeli source explained: "The Government has to be careful not to provide Mr Dharon with too much of a boost by turning him down flat." The air of confusion was

increased vesterday when the Defence Ministry issued a formal denial of a prominent report on Israel radio that the US has warned Israel not to interfere with the evacution. The radio report said that the warning has been given on Monday at a meeting in America between Mr Moshe the Deputy Secretary of State.

In another devolopment. Mr Yitzhak Moda'i, the Energy Minister, who called first for Israeli action to capture Mr On a point of principle, the Arafat fand presumably place Israclis are anxious to point up him on trial in Israel) attempted what they see as the hypocrisy to reduce the effect of Mr Levy's

Mr Moda'i had not given and Hospital ship in Tripoli today



Downing Street meeting: President Gemayel with Mrs Thatcher yesterday.

CARFORERS WORDS FOR GEMAYE

Missing Things Correspondent

Miss Thatcher told him what he most wanted to hear - that he price is support would continue. She referred to the "essential task" of reconciliation and to the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

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Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr hylichael Heseltine, the Defence

Syrian jets flying over his most although he must have realized at that Syria would not put six aucraft into the air over Trapell Constants Constants

Lebanese officials close to the sector the sales. giving the Government some to achieve the withdrawal of all anxious moments. uninvited foreign forces. He also reported on the progress,

President Gemayel might have had the incident in mind

Secretary, were present for all or part of the Downing Street

President Gemayel later saw the Queen at Buckingham

# begun at Geneva, towards reconciliation among the war-Germany given grim

warning on birthrate From Michael Binyon, Bonn

every year, the German population will fall from 56.9m at in the total number of people dency at the Stuttgart summit present to only 38.3m in less living fir the country now than 50 years, with drastic consequences for defence, education and the labour market.

The report outlines the way the balance between young and a return to what he called the

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mance region of Senegal where a group of separatists calling themselves the Movement of Democratic Forces for Independence in the Casamance have been agitating. Three policemen were killed last week after, it is said, entering a "sacred" area while some form of meeting was

frustration of waiting for the infrequent ferry to take them across the Gambia river.

ended had been arrested after Army of the Rhine will be disturbances last December when the group published a manifesto setting out their claims and marched on the local government headquarters in Zinguinkor, tore down the national flag and replaced it with the Casamance one.

### The European Parliament looks The budget committee deset today to vote 10 hold up payment of Britain's £457m budget rebate — but a strong bobby by British Euro-MPs of the british budget rebate — but a strong with a special budget council in Strasbourg the previous evenboth parties may yet prevent The council showed rare the freeze from being imple-The Parliament's own budget

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unanimity in opposing any of the ideas which the Parliament committee is recommending wants to see followed for that the money is held in changing the way budget money reserve and only released against assurances from memis spent. ber-states that it is spent on true

But the budget committee has backed away from a direct confrontation with the council by March, which is Mrs in pushing for the budget to be Margaret Thatcher's deadline, approved in today's your approved in today's vote, Unlike the British MEPs, most members are anxious not to offend the agricultural lobby in the run-up to the direct election

Mr Neil Balfour, the Conservative spokesman for the budget committee, said that to discriminate against Britain would be "an insensitive act." He said that the Parliament ought not to nip the ankles of the British Government just because it has not got the courage of its own convictions. Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of the Labour group, called on Mrs

Thatcher to withhold payment to the Community budget "I say stop nagging Maggie and start to act", Mrs Castle said.
She said Mrs Thather should

them were outraged by the attempt to freeze the British money, the advice from Downing Street was that it would be wrong to risk the anger which would be caused if the budget state of th

"We are calling on Mrs Even so, some Conservative members were so outraged that they were talking last night of voting to reject the budget in protest at the discriminatory from her own feebleness. Sh is all posture and no performance. It is Mrs Thatcher who will be way in which they believed the Parliament had been advised by its committee about the British putting the money in the farmers' Christmas stockings.

### Kohl 'go Zimbabwe it alone' sacks white **EEC** call denied

From Our Own Correspondent

Community policies.

be agreed.

The intention is to release it

This would be after the next European summit, when the Parliament hopes that essential

Community reforms can at last

For the freeze to be legally agreed, a minimum of 218 Euro-MPS will have to vote in

favour of it and last night it

seemed unlikely that this total

would be reached. The British Conservative and Labour members have joined forces to

oppose the move and yesterday evening they were seeking support from their traditional

allies in other countries to help

But the Conservatives, unlike Labour, are not likely to vote to reject the entire EEC budget for

next year. Although many of

were rejected.

"A Foreign Ministry spokes-mae yesterday dismissed as "absolutely absurd" reports that the Chancellor Kohi had

that the Chancellor Koni had called for the six founding members of the European Community to go it alone indeciding European policy.

The spokesman said this was totally at odds with West German policy, which aims at agreement by all Community the nackage agreement worked. the package agreement worked out during the German presi-

use of civilian ports and airports. All German civilians The 46 people whose trial just | already working with the British exempt from German call-up during a crisis.

Sir Jock Taylor, the British Ambassador in Bonn, said on signing the agreement that the forward defence of the federal republic was also that of the United Kingdom.

### airmen Harare (Reuter)-Zimbabwe has terminated the employment

contracts of three detained white Air Force officers, Mr Eddison Zvobgo, the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, said. But he told parliament that

the officers, redetained in August under emergency powers after being acquitted of helping to sabotage Zimbabwe's main base last year, would receive their pensions and any other money owed to them. The officers are Wing Commander John Cox and Air Lieutenants Barrington Lloyd and Neville

# Christmas pay

Copenhagen (AP) - Fifteen manly Latin American seamen prepared to fly home consider-

# Fool's gold Sydney (Reuter) - Australia's

largest uncut sapphire was among diamonds, gold and jewels worth more than 52m taken by a confidence trickster who bought a reputable jewciry firm and advertised for gems 10 be put on exhibition. When he got the jewels he vanished.

# An Italian apparation of the said. "They precised the first of the parations for our departure of the paration of the world's pressure of the parations for our departure of the parations for our departure of the paration of the world's pressure of the paration of the paration of the world's pressure of the paration of the paration of the world's pressure of the paration of the world's pressure of the paration of the world's pressure of the paration of the paratic pressure of the paration of the paratic pressure put three **Presidents** on trial

From Douglas I weedale

ordered the trial on murder and torture charges of nine leaders of the military regime which seized power in 1976. He also called on Congress to enact a sweeping package of human rights reforms.

Promising to restore the rule of law in Argentina, Senor Alfonsin announced an a broadcast speech on Tuesday night that he had ordered the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces to try the first three military juntas which ruled Argentina after the 1976 coup. He said he was also seeking the prosecution of seven left-wing terrorist leaders active during the early 1970s.

The abberrant human rights violations committed by terrorists and by the repres sion of them cannot remain unpunished", he said.

The military leaders, who include former Presidents Jorge Videla. Robert Viola and Leopoldo Galtieri, will be tried hy the highest military court for having ordered and planned the campaign of repression against left-wing terrorists from 1976 to 1981. Between 7,000 and 30,000 Argentines are believed to have disappeared after being kidnapped by security forces.

In addition, President Allonsin summoned an extraordinary session of Congress to consider seven legal reforms which he said were necessary to guarantee the broadest respect for individual rights and the constitutional decision-making process".

At the top of the list of measures is the immediate peal of an amnesty law passed ast September by the outgoing military regime to protect itself from prosecution on charges of human rights violations.
There is also a proposal to

establish the same punishment for torture as for murder, and to enact a law to protect democracy and the constitutional order, which sets to protect democracy and the constrtutional order, which sets penalties for any attempt to overthrow an elected Foreign Secretary, tried once more to secure the release of government.

By reforming the Code of Vulitary Justice the Alfonsin Government hopes to prevent have been in jail in Luanda for the trial of civilians by military courts, and to place military officers who commit common crimes under civilian rather day. than military jurisdiction.

 Diplomatic hope: Mrs Marcaret Thatcher's note to President Alfonsin represents "a small light" towards the

rcestablishment of diplomatic

relations, Senor Dante Capulo

the Argentine Foreign Minister.

said yesterday.

# Argentina to Poltergeists under suspicion as nanny's mother testifies

Carol Compton, the 21-year-old Scuttish an pair girl on trial here for attempted murder and President Raul Alfonsin has tached on the third day of hearings as her mother gave evidence about life at home in

Mrs Pamela Compton, aged 40, was required by the court to answer only two questions. She said she found both of them "degrading". One concerned the quarrelling and the drinking habits of the girl's father, and the second referred to the

and the section referred to the age when her daughter had her first period.

Before giving this brief testimony Mrs Compton was warned that she was bound to the truth like any other witness, despite the fact that she was the defendant's mother.

Her testimony followed the revival of interest in the possible place of poltergeists in the series of five fires which brought about Miss Compton's arrest in August, 1982 on the island of Elba, and her arraignment before the court of

Dr Guido Galligani, the presiding judge, asked Mrs Compton to speak clearly and simply. no doubt recalling difficulties in translation on the first day of proceedings. It was Mrs Compton herself who immediately encountered the obstacle of language and had to have the first question re-

Asked if she quarrelled in front of her daughter with her father, she replied: "Carol has never seen anything bad between me and her father."

About her husband's alcohol problem she said: "No, he didn't have any problems in the mind. He just liked his little drink. When he got a bit tipsy I would send the children down to the grandmother so that I could keep my husband quiet." In answer to the question about her daughter's first menstruation she said: "I

seven British mercenaries, who

weren years, when he saw a leading member of the Angolan

Government in London yester-

Minister of Planning, is also on

the Central Committee and the

Defence and Security Com-

mutee. He has been described

as second only to President

Eduardo dos Santos.

Mr Lopo do Nascimento, the



Miss Compton talking with her mother in court.

remember it very well, as mothers do. It was just before her fourteenth birthday." Asked if she did not mean when Miss Compton was 16, she said with a certain harsh dignity: "She makes mistakes, glassplate and a metal dignity: "She makes mistakes, you make dish fell to the floor with mistakes. Does this make us apparently being touched.

stupid?" Apparently during interrogations her daughter had spoken of the age of 16. Earlier in the day a witness, Signora Ancilla Cecchini, the The hearing continues today.

Howe plea for British mercenaries By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent Sir Geoffrey Howe, the the Angolan civil war. Three of fusion has arisen over remarks or including the by Mr Arslan Humbaraci in note to secure the release of notorious "Colonel Callan", London on Monday concerning were executed at the time.

would not give details of how (Richard Dowden writes),
Mr do Nascimento responded Mr Humbaraci, who said he to Sir Geoffrey's latest appeal. was giving a press conference on announced vesterday that two ment, made clear he was missionaries. Miss Emily expressing a personal opinion Rowntree and Miss Eva Wark, when he said Angola may soon believed to have been taken ask for more Cuban combat captive by anti-government troops.

a greater role for Cuban and Last night the Foreign Office Soviet advisers in Angola The Foreign Office also behalf of the Angolan Govern-

grandmother of the child whom

Miss Cimpton is said to have tried to kill, recounted strange

things that she said had

happened at her home on Elba after Miss Compton arrived. A glassplate and a metal cake

dish fell to the floor without

Signora Cerchini recalled the remark she made at the time: "Good heavens, there are

spirits in our home".

captive by anti-government troops.

Unita guerrillas, were understood to have been freed and were in Angola.

Angop, the official Angolan in progress.

There are about 500,000 mews agency, yesterday denied his statement and his claim that people in the Casamance and a number of them would like to The mercenaries were cap-tured during the final stages of Cuba appeal denied: Con-tured during the final stages of Cuba appeal denied: Con-

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Minister, made heavy use of

both this week on the campaign

trail as speculation mounts over how the party will fare in this Sunday's general election.

the conservative LDP will lose

its absolute majority in the Lower House, that seems

inevitable. What remains to be

without having his position as

therefore campaigning hard.

enemies at election time.

White gloves on, Mr Naka-

sone climbs atop a banner-tes-

tooned campaign bus, flanked by three local LDP candidates.

His style is mildly demogogic. He launches a vigorous defence

of his policies, laced with

The modest gathering, sprinkled liberally with plainc-

lothes police, is warned that an

LDP defeat would undermine Japan's "international credi-

The crowd responds warmly

when the Prime Minister calls

for the most thorough reform of

the educational system stage the

The increasing scarcity of

the truffle, known throughout the ancient and modern world

for its delicate flavour and

alleged aphrodisiac qualities,

re gu of the current Emperpor

to Japanese national

Nakasone can absorb

began 58 years ago, and the LDP, whose leader Mr criticizes the Russians for Kakuci Tanaka, the former occupying since the Second Prints Minister, was more World War, four islands off responsible than anyone else for White gloves and loudspeakers are two prominent symbols of how Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) wages an election campaign. Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime northern Hokkaido.

Nakasone puts on white

gloves for his

most crucial campaign

sone was preaching to the December election in the first converted. But there is trouble place, in Chiba District One, and in a Mr Tanaka's conviction on number of the nation's 130 October 12 for taking 500m year electoral districts, where the (£1.4m) in bribes from Lock-LDP or rather its fiercely heed while in office touched off The main question being asked in Tokyo is not whether competing internal factions the events which tried with have fielded an unusually large limited success, to make Mr number of candidates. In Tanaka and political ethics into several cases they are competing the burning main issue of the against each other, and with a election. Mr Tanaka, however, raft of "independent" conservaseen is how much of a setback tives. This risks splitting the conservative vote to the delight

party leader undermined. He is of the opposition.
In Chiba One, the LDP held Soon after noon on Tuesday. three of four seats before the the Prime Minister's convoy election was called. Eight pulled up at the edge of a small park in Chiba city's District candidates are vying for votes this time. Three are from the LDP and shared the stage with One, a traditional stronghold for the conservatives one hour's Mr Nakasone. A fourth, former drive along an impressive industrial belt which stretches LDP member of the Diet, castward along Tokyo Bay from the capital. Chiba illustrates independent, may be the spoiler for the party but paradoxically is a member of Mr Nakasone's both the LDP's strengths and, paradoxically, why conserva-tives are their own worst

personal faction. Jockeying for factional position within the party is most tratant in the case of the Tanaka faction, the biggest in



Mr Nakasone: Appeals to Japanese national pride.

Fron Diana Geddes, Paris

is expected scarcely to total 3

tons, three times less than last

year, and a tiny fraction of the

bumper harvests of the 1910s

and 1920s when France was producing 1,500 tons of truffles

The main cause of this year's

particularly disappointing yield is thought to have been the dry hot summer. But the subter-

ranean fangus, which is un-earthed with the aid of pigs or, increasingly, dogs, is a ca-

orthero Hokkaido. forcing Mr Nakasone, against. The nationalistic Mr Naka- his better judgment, into a

is virtually assured of reelection. as an independent (he quit the LDP after being arrested in 1976) in his rural home district.

This sort of internal competition is one reason why the LDP will probably see the stunning 284-seat (out of 511 in the Lower House) majority won three and half years ago whittled down considerably.

In his speeches Mr Nakasone who is 65, clearly was trying to attract large blocks of floating votes, especially housewives ho tend to vote conservative but tend to vote mote fre quently than men.

At one point, Mr Nakasone urged the generally chauvinistic men of his generation to treat their wives better. "Hold your wife's hand," he implored. He also pledged to channel profits from legalized gambling and other sources into cancer research. For part-time working women, the Prime Minister promised tax breaks.

His favourite theme, however, is moral education. Japan's schools, he says must repeatedly teach young children sound Japanese morals: respect for parents, honesty and respect for ancestors. Whether Japanese voters will teach the LDP a lesson in morals is still difficult

Truffle scarcity sends prices soaring

pricious crop at the best of times, and has long resisted man's attempts to cultivate it, though man continues to try. Over the past few years, farmers in the Dordogue and other calcareous regions have been planting young oak trees, among whose roots the truffle

loves to grow. France can no longer meet its own demand and now imports between 50 and 80 toms of



Plea that failed: Mrs Rosella Williams, who is a preacher, with her son Robert, pleading for his life before a Louisiana pardon board last week.

# Killer executed in Louisiana

Angola, Louisiana (AP) --Robert Wayne Williams, con-victed in the shotgan killing of an elderly supermarket guard during a robbery, was electrocuted early yesterday, the first execution in Louisiana in 22

Williams, aged 31, was put to death at the state prison in Angola after Governor Dave Treen, a federal judge, an appeals court, and the Supreme Court refused to spare his life,

At 1.02 am the prison warden Mr Ross Maggie and

on the 100ft walk from the death cell to the shed where the electric chair sits. The switch on the chair was palled four minutes later and Williams was pronounce dead after nine

The execution was delayed for about an hour by Governor Treen so the high court could consider a last-minuted appeal by Williams's lawyers. Williams's mother, Mrs.

Rosella Williams, a short, slender, soft-spoken preacher,

outside the prison gates. Family members had testified during pardon board hearings that Williams attended church that withams attended cource-regularly and sang in the choir. In his teens, they testified, he fell in with the wrong crowd and got involved with drugs.

Meanwhile, a convicted murderer who had been scheduled to die in Georgia's electric chair yesterday won a stay of execution; but a second condemned man in that state lost a late appeal for his sentence:

# Australia softens nuclear line

insisted that the Govenment's

at pains to allay Washington's concern over the election of a

Labour government. The Prime

Minister has also gone to great

lengths on recent overseas trips

to stress the importance that

Australia attaches to its inter-

question of Invincible's access

to dry dock facilities at the

yard, in Sydney harbour, was

made by Mr Gordon Scholes,

the Defence Minister, without reference to Mr Bill Hayden, the

national defence obligations.

The Federal Government has eased its hardline stand on the policy was clear but might have to be explained in more detail issue of nuclear yessels using Australian dry dock facilities, The Invincible issue and the involvement of the United and promised to consult with its allies and explain its position in an effort to defuse what has States is particularly embarrass-ing to Mr. Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, who has been become a highly embarrassing issue for Camberra.

The new guidelines, released on Tuesday, would allow allied ships carrying nuclear arms to go into dry dock in Australia in emergencies. They were out-lined after the United States expressed concern over the denial of dry dock facilities to the British aircraft carrier

Invincible last week.
Senator Gareth Evans, the Attorney-General and spokesman in the Senate for both the defence and Foreign Ministers. yesterday faced a barrage of questions in the upper house over the Invincible issue. He

Mr Scholes has since come under fire from the Opposition, and it is understood that members of the Labour Party caucus are also uneasy about the Invincible decision. There has been speculation that Mr

Scholes might be moved from his portfolio.

The issue has given the federal Opposition a field day, allowing it to claim that the Labour Government is damaging both the Anzus Treaty and the five-power defence arrangements which include Australia

The original decision on the There is no doubt that the issue has aroused US concern. Mr Stephen Lyne, a senior official at the Embassy in Navy's Garden Island Dock-Canberra, saw the head of the Foreign Affairs Department as early as last Saturday, seeking clarification of Australian pol

# America keeps open space station option

From Trever Fishlock, New York

The United States is likely to But the space and science go ahead with preliminary work world in the United States is on a permanent manned space divided over the need for a materials in a gravity-free weeks at a time. environment. It might also have The question

ning work on a space station in the budget for the fiscal year beginning October next year. The New York Times reported yesterday.

but this will keep the spacestation option open while the Administration considers whether to commit itself to the huge expense of a fullscale space station programme. The National Aeronautics

and Space Administration (Nasa) believes that the success of the nine space shuttle missions has helped to convince the Reagan Administration of the feasibility and desirability of an orbiting station manned by a fulltime crew of astronauts,

rengineers and scientists.

There are hopes that the President, perhaps in his State of the Union message in January, will set out a commit-ment to a fuller space pro-gramme and try to arouse public enthusiasm for more exploration, in the manner of President Kennedy's call for a moon landing in the 1960s.

station. It would provide a base space station. Some scientists for lunar and planetary exploration and would be a be beformed by space shuttles

factory for making new staying in orbit for up to seven environment. It might also have a role in the deselepment of space weapons.

President Reagan is expected to announce funding for planming work on a space station in the budget for the fiscal year.

he called for a system of space-based laser weapons able to destroy long-range missiles. The two projects might have The sum set aside will be to compete for funds, or the small, between £70m-£130m, space station might have a weapons development role. But serious doubts have been raised. here about the feasibility of

"Star Wars" weapons. Engineers and computer specialists are meanwhile trying to find out what went wrong onboard the space shuffle Columbia last week It was revealed yesterday that there was a fire and explosion onboard the spacecraft in the last minutes of its journey.

As it approached Edwards

Air Force base in California after its 10-day mission, fuel leaked in an auxiliary power unit in the rear of the craft and caught fire when it touched a hot surface:

The next shuttle mission is scheduled for the end of January. It will be delayed if the cause of computer failures in the last mission is not found

# **Spanish Communists** face biggest crisis

The Spanish Communist win back former party members , Party began its eleventh hour congress here yesterday in a state of complete disarray. Formerly one of Western Europe's most influential and formidable Euro-Communist parties, it is now bogged down

in personal conflicts;
In the wake of its humiliating general election, when it received only 3.9 per cent of the bridge. popular vote, the party is now split betwen the followers of Senor Gerardo Iglesias, the 38year-old General- secretary, and Senor Santiago Carrillo. Spain's veteran Communist leader who personally put the younger man in his job 13 months ago.

Allegations of opportunism and even disobedience have been hurled by the aging and embittered Schor Carrillo at the young general-secretary, whose basic strategy has been to try to who were expelled when Senor Carrillo ruled the party with

The main task of the more than 800 delegates, between now and Sunday when the congress ends, will be either to patch together some sort of compromise in the name of party unity, or accept that the split has become too wide to

Almost pathetically, the 88-year-old Señora Dolores Ibarruri, La pasionaria of Civil War fame, appealed yesterday to the delegates to find a way through the party's "difficult debate", as she cautiously put it, and avoid

even further polarization.
She has never liked Senor Carrillo and is supporting Senor: Iglesias who, however, has shown dung the past months that he is anything but an inspiring leader.



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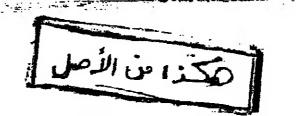
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**Paul Griffiths** 

John Lill was another soloist

# THE ARTS

After a period out in the cold, pantomime looks to be back in favour in London: Aladdin, Babes in the Wood, Snow White, Peter Pan . . . and, opening at the National Theatre tonight, Cinderella. This last is designed by William Dudley, interviewed below by John Higgins; while (right) our critics sample the joys of some of the latest offerings around the town

# The 'Star Wars' of its time

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Not for the National the television stars taking their annual bite at the stage or the fading divas of the cinema glad for a little work, Instead, according to their designer, William Dudley, they have been directing their attention to the Drury Lane Theatre at the turn of the century, when the panto really was the event of the year, Dudley, who has always been a great ferreter among archives and old volumes for his scenic inspiration, has been rummaging through Drury Lane prompt books and through the existing designs of Wilhelm, whom he reckons to have been the master of pantomime decoration,

If you look at a Wilhelm panto, such as Jack and the Beaustalk, there is everything there from a coloured postcard to an imitation of Turner. Some of the scenes have wonderment others are pure cartoon." And that is how it will be at the National, where the Ugly Sisters occupy a pier-end vision of a bedroom, full of empty brown ale bottles. The magic pumpkin patch, though, appears at the end of vistas stretching the full depth of the

Dudley agrees that the proscenium arch dictated the shape of every late Victorian set giving the audience what he describes as "tunnel vision". "They were great at framing and at softening edges, whether of pictures or of ladies' clothes. But I think it has been overlooked that they put every available resource into the panto. In the 1890s it was quite usual to have 500 to 600 people employed in the theatre in one capacity or another. There were legions of poorly paid craftsmen. You took urchins off the street, put them into costumes so that they became elves - or something similar - and gave them a pittance. You can't do that now, thank goodness -although I wouldn't say that the fees at the National were exactly generous. And sometimes, when I go through those Drury Lane prompt books. I wonder just what we can excel them at. The answer, probably,

"In those days the panto was at the very forefront of technical innovation. It wasn't something thrown on at the end of a busy rep season, as it so often is now. On the contrary, it was the Star Wars of its time. where you used every new invention. We're putting in gas footlights at the Lyttleton, because that is what a 1980s audience will expect, but a theatre proud of its panto would certainly have had electricity. Otherwise we're looking at the

The Clarendon Gallery, Vigo Street, has a fascinating loan

show devoted to Caraceppi (until December 22). And what

you might ask, are cavaceppi? They are, in fact, not a what but a who. Cavaceppi was the

leading sculpture restorer of his

day, which was the mid-eight-

centh century. At that time no stigma at all seems to have

attached to elaborate resto-

ration, sometimes amounting to

total remodelling, of ancient

sculpture; on the contrary, it was expected, and dealers in

Italy found it very difficult to

sell their discoveries, either at

home or abroad, until they had

been returned to a semblance of

head or a limb, and at any rate

the replacement of a nose or some other equally important detail. And, for that, Cavaceppi was your man. He had an

enormous workshop, and ended

up immensely rich, from vir-

tually giving up original neo-

classical sculpture and concen-

trating on patching genuine antiques. Many of his works in

this line found their way to

Britain, and the present show offers a fine selection, with an

elaborate and scholarly cata-

logue which explains exactly

what Cavaceppi did to which including such famous pieces as
the Dog. of Alcibiades from
Duncombe Park and the Lan-

sdowne Diskobolos, transformed by Cavaceppi with an ancient but unrelated head and

modern additions into Dio-medes carrying off the Palla-dion. A small but important

chapter in the history of taste is

vividly illustrated.

This often meant adding a

completeness.

Galleries

Restoration rights

Cavaceppi's transformation

of the Diskobolos

the big show at the Serpentine

Gallery (until January 8). The Serpentine show too is mostly

of work from the last two years,

and both afford us the oppor-

tunity of admiring the confi-

dence with which Ayres dispos-

es large amounts of brightly coloured oil-paint on vivid abstract canvases with titles

referring them, and us, to

perennial literary themes. The

earlier paintings which preface the Serpentine show offer a

useful quick guide to how she

arrived at this point, by way of thinner, more washy acrylic

paintings getting ever farther

away from any appreciably representational base.



William Dudley on his set for Cinderella

time before Dan Leno died and cinema

took over the art of speciacle." Cinderella uses 30 dropeloths, many of which will have been painted in the workshops of the Old Vic, erstwhile home of the National. It is one of the few theatres - Covent Garden and Sadler's Wells are among the others - which still has vertical paint frames where the canvas can be hauled up and down. Most others have gone over to the European method of spreading the raw material on the floor and having the scene painters get down on their hands and knees. Dudley, though, reckons that the use of the vertical frame

will help him produce the effects he wants. All this looks a little far away from Bayreuth, where William Dudley spent the first half of the year designing the controversial Ring staged by Peter Hall.

"Actually not. Opera, more than any other form of theatre, has retained the old craft of painted scenery, of a filled and highly decorated stage. I suppose in our

Knoedler/Kasmin offers a Investment and confidence may small show of recent work by be draining out of Hongkong, Gillian Ayres, supplementary to but the network of bamboo

John Russell Taylor of the Kowloon-Guangzhou

crowds.

time Lila di Nobile took the painted image just as far as it could be taken. She reached her apex in this country, it is thought, in the Stratford Twelfth Night and you can still come across eyes moistening over at the very mention of it. I didn't see that, but I did see Love for Love at the Old Vic. Then, inevitably, in the straight theatre the reaction set in: there were no cut gauzes and cut cloths any more, just a few props

on a bare stage. "So opera has been very much at the front of my mind while I've been working on Cinderella. Indeed, at times Cinderella is almost a pastiche of the rococo, so it is rather convenient that I'm also starting designs on a new Rosenkavalier for Covent Garden. Much opera and much panto is concerned with a sudden welling of the emotion. And maybe that's why both are so much in favour at the

"In Bayreuth we used to talk about the Ring as the thinking man's panto. And it was a phrase which stuck."

# Computer failure

Abbacadabra ·

Lyric, Hammersmith

The first video fairy tale to hit the London stage, this show is aimed at the non-theatre-going, computer-wise generation; and by featuring such chart-toppers as Elaine Paige and B. A. Robertson in a strong company including Sylvester McCoy and Phill Daniels (plus some excellent dancers) it is out to spread its net as well as break new

Adapted from a French source, David Wood's book attempts a marriage of magic and technology through the story of three children who meet up with Aladdin, Cinde-rella, Pinocchio and the Beast and join them on their journey to the castle of Sleeping Beauty. The route lies through an enchanted forest heavily guard-

Beauty and the Beast Players'

Shame on me for taking all these years to get round to the Victorian delights of the Players' Theatre. 1 can happily report that, once through that unassuming doorway under the arches at Charing Cross, it is as much fun as I had always been

The Christmas fare is a Victorian panto performed with great élan, preced-ed by a quick selection of music-hall "joys". Miss Josephine Gordon sings "Lend me your fairy wand". Miss Wendy Jones invites Esau to take her on the see-saw, and a period MC briskly leads a few choruses crying "Raise the roof, and to hell with the London Chatham and Dover Railway" - which then takes traditional revenge by rumbling dealeningly all through the pantomine.

Written by J. R. Planché for Covent Garden in 1841, some years after the libretto for Weber's Oberon for which he is best known, this Beauty is a "grand comic-romantic-operatic-melodramatic fairy extravaganza" (a category even Polonius never thought of). Cleverly-turned rhyming coup-lets, packed with puns, rub

ed by the witch Carabosse (doubling as a teacher in the opening scene) whose minions lie in wait to manacle intruders into their mistress's video circuits for transmission in the ever-popular Carabosse Super-

Jenny Tiramani's forest is a maze of fluorescent silver tubes, with lamps and monitor screens hanging like exotic fruit, and the costumes of video bandits (led by the crackling Miss Paige in black body-stocking and high boots) strike a corresponding note of high-tech fascist glam-our in contrast with the humbly traditional garb of the travellers. Abba's repetitiously pulsating music has the effect of nullifying Don Black's lyrics; but atmospherically it is perfectly in key with the rest of Peter James's production. Two things scupper the show.

First, theatre cannot perform a full electronic operation in the

shoulders with numbers set to a ragbag of current operation

Beauty is saddled, Cinderella wise, with two nasty sisters and an impoverished papa called Sir Aldgate Pump living in a Gothic folly in Brixton. Lurking in a lair plentifully supplied with modish gowns and turtle soup. Beast has a splendidly horrid mask but sings a plaintive bit of Der Freischutand is clearly a perfect gentle-

Though partial rewriting and rescoring affects the style, Reginald Woolley's production is sharp and neat, knowing just how far to go. The women outsing the men, with Alexand-ra Sebastian's Beauty and Gerardine Arthur's Fairy Queen soaring up among the leger-lines and Maureen Brathwaite's pure, brilliant tones heard too briefly as the Beast's page. Julia Sutton and Jenny Wren make a wonderfully vain, rapacious pair of uglies, relishing the prospect of Beauty's cannibal-istic demise with a chording patter duet borrowed from Don Pasquale, and Josephine Gordon reappears as a benign but eccentric Morning Zephyr, nagging a reluctant chorus of roses to wake up and start blooming. Riotous and rec-ommended.

**Anthony Masters** 

by Robert Flaherty on the way to persuading them to put up the money for a film unit which. he told them, was just the thing for propaganda, "A tremendous personality", remembered Basil Wright The EMB Film Unit became the GPO Film Unit in 1933 and, after the outbreak of war, the Crown Film Unit.

An interesting witness was a former Special Branch man, Mr Arthur Cain, who was assigned to keep an eye on the film-makers whose left-leaning politics worried authority. He became fascinated by the business himself, being transformed into a "friendly bridge". His wife concurred. She had

### Television

# Rich reminiscence

what they were going to shoot before they shot it. For Night Mail they had Benjamin Britten for the score and W. H. Auden for the script. Auden, said Mr.

It was a programme of much rich reminiscence from Mr Watt, Basil Wright, Stuart Legg, Edgar Anstey and others who laboured with great invention and success in the John Grierson school. The excellent clips told their own story and one wondered if documentary had really progressed at all. Through it all one perceived the formidable figure fo Grierson.

Festival Hall been John Grierson's secretary. **Dennis Hackett** 

the pioneering and continuing

work of the troupe's director,

the 80-year-old Yu Zhenfei, is

now rising from centuries of

neglect, and more latterly persecution at the hands of

Jiang Qing to a new popu-

Kunju Opera Troupe. Kunju is the oldest, most sophisticated form of classical opera in China, from which both Peking and eloquent performance with the London Philharmonic Orches-Cantonese opera have evolved. tra on Tuesday. It had its beginnings as a refined, elite form in the sixteenth century and, thanks to



style of Disney's Tron. No hard- and magic. Abhacadahra is core computer audience is going to be fobbed off with an array of panto props no matter how they may wink and bleep. Secondly, by leading the story back to the primacy of traditional fairy tales

doing a hard-selling job for the pre-electronic age which is unlikely to win any converts from the space invasion tables. Irving Wardle

understanding, and more tech-

nical finesse, then were the Six

Pieces, where the old rhetoric

At the same time, this was a

very different view of the

Symphony from that offered by the Ensemble InterContempo-

rain on Sunday. Where Boulez still sees Webern as the progenitor of the 1950s, serving

him with a quick flick of the

wrist that wrote Le Marteau sans mattre, Zubin Mehta finds something more languid and decadent, even crotic, in the lie

Given the so beautiful sheen of the Vienna strings, for whom this work could have been

written, the Symphony was

returned to its own period of

precious art deco objects in frosted glass. It also had a

referred right back to the

opening stages of the Passacag-

Pieces belonged also in that

world, since Mr Mebia was using the reduced, clarified scoring from the year of the Symphony. But though I am sure other Webern conductors, acceptly A blade and Boulet are

notably Abbado and Boulez, are

right to prefer the original version (the case is similar to

that of Stravinsky's Petrushka).

no attempt at taming can obscure the violent rupture with

norms of taste found here more

than in any other orchestral

the work's emphatic insistence.

as he was to do later in

Mr Mehta concentrated on

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To some tiny degree the Six

and limpidity that

has gone haywire.

of the rhythm.

### Concerts

### Vienna PO/Mehta

Barbican

Schoenberg and his two great pupils had no cause to be grateful to the Vienna of their day for the frequency, quality or reception of performances they received, but amends are now being well and truly made. Berg's Lulu has reached the Vienna State Opera, and the Vienna Philharmonic have come to London with two programmes strongly featuring

Schoenberg and Webern. Of course, out and out Schoenbergians will argue that Pelleas und Melisande is a soft option, being a romantic symphonic poen in the good old Straussian mould, but there can be no charge of pussylooting at the choices from Webern for the first concert of the pair, on Tuesday, when we heard three works that gave a neat summary

of his career to end the Olivetti Webern Cycle. We began where Webern himself decided he began, with his Op 1, the Passacaglia that storms from tantative, unwilling threads of sound into a fury of passion. Then came the Six Pieces Op 6. a black atonal

funeral march wreathed in fragmentary slow movements, and finally the Symphony, the first breath of the clear still mountain air that nearly all Webern's later music was to

Instead of suggesting a pattern of growth, however, the juxtaposition presented a palindrome as tight and true as any Webern composed in his music. Partly this was a matter of performance. However minuscule the Symphony's gestures, they are at least recognizable as gestures to musicians trained

Symphony, and most of the solo contributions were blank, but there is a sense in wheh a puzzied performance is an appropriate response to an experience that even its creator could only begin to control 20 years later.

and experienced in the classicalromantic tradition that more directly feeds the Passacaglia: both works, accordingly, were

LPO/Handley

Vaughan Williams called Job "a masque for dancing" to dis-sociate it from the sophistry of ballet, and to restore a religious purpose to dance in the theatre. Whether there or in concert form, his identity of inner vison with the William Blake engravings which were his inspiration brought absolute integrity of character to the music, and Vernon Handley was concerned for us to accept this in his

Disposing his strings with the first and second violins on either side (as the score's dedicatee, Sir Adrian Boult, always preferred), Mr Handley directed a shared concern for the music's directness of utter-ance, for the existence of Good and Evil as contending forces, a difference between diatonic concord and angry discord. The Hilary Finch harmonic basis for Job has a way of transcending simplicity

with poetry that is peculiarly its

The minuet for Job's family with its echoes of Ravel needed more taumess of rhythm, but otherwise the explicit visual images, the radiant Saraband of the Sons of God, the Pavane of the Heavenly Host, the displaced accents and angry clashes of Satan's music, were vividly presented. David vividly presented. David Nolan's warmly lyrical solo violin for Elihu's dance was the most notable of several exposed instrumental passages played with keen effect.

of distinction in a warmly romantic account of Rachmaninov's C minor Piano Concerto. picking up from a strangely ponderous opening and some mushy ensemble passages early in the first movement to make a virtue of familiarity in the rest of the work. Expressive phras-ing was matched by the orchestra, who brought vigorous if sometimes raucous spirit to Dvorak's Carnival overture at the start of the programme. Noël Goodwin

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# 30 November-/22 January



Piper is perhaps best known for his romantic landscape painting, but his work in stained glass, ceramics, fabrics and theatre design, now shown together for the first time, fully demonstrates his versatility.

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Tate Gallery

in the BBC, I understand Harry Watt - who, with Basil Wright, directed Night Mail in 1936 and could rightly claim to know a thing or two about documentaries. He was in a train being interviewed by Arena about the feats of yore and observed that cinéma vérité was what they were doing right then and expressed a pejorative opinion of it in a succinct four-

Story, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the famous film unit, and were undeterred by joy to watch.

Mr Watt recalled that in the Thirties they had known exactly horses".

scaffolding over island and

peninsula grows ever thicker as the deafening work of construc-tion continues day and night.

Shops, hotels, banks, metro-

lines - anything that promises

consumer returns still grows upwards and outwards, and in

Hongkong that includes, very

high on the list, temples of

multipurpose arenas have sprouted: the Ko Shan Theatre,

an ingeniously convertible 3,000-seat open-air and indoor

auditorium built on an old

quarry site in the To Kwa Wan

area of Kowloon, and the

12,500-seat Coliscum, a vast

railway terminal. Both, like the proposed Tsimshatsui cultural

complex, are projects of the

urban council, and both opened just in time to house several events in the council's Eighth

The eyes of the dragon were

duly dotted, acrobats tumbled,

puppets squawked, and Can-

tonese opera, as popular as Crossroads, The Archers and

Gilbert and Sullivan put 10-

gether, drew reliably large

Group from India presented performances from the north

and south: Odissi, the sensuous,

lyrical, curving dance of the

north-east coast, with its Hindustani music, and Bharata

Natyam, the more angular,

strong-footed dances of Tanjore

in the south, accompanied by

the Tamil music of the Carnatic

tradition, zither, flute, and drum vibrating in a dense counterpoint of rhythm with

the singer's nonsense syllables

and the dancer's forceful foot-

Sonal Mansingh director of

The Sonal Mansingh Dance

Festival of Asian Arts.

Over the past year two large

entertainment.

Wall, had often had to rewrite but had been uncomplaining. tter word. He now regretted having Arena were making The GPO thrown so much of Auden's work into the wastepaper basket but recalled one line for posterity. Talking of the rounded hills which mark the Mr Watt's disapproval. The rounded hills which mark the result, in BBC2 last night, was a approach of Scotland, Auden had written that they were like slaughtered

It was he who persuaded a Empire Marketing Board to gather and watch Eisenstein's Potenikin and documentaries

group of dignitaries from the Hongkong: Eighth Festival of Asian Arts Marriage of East and West, old and new



Sonal Mansingh: "India's Atarah Ben-Tovim"

Dance in Delhi, is something of an Atarah Ben-Tovim of Indian dance and music: her encyclopedic and eclectic knowledge, powerfully projected in word and movement, relies on considerable dramatic and narrative extension, a certain de-centring from the concentrated inner physical and spiritual energies of the pure

practice of the Natya Shastra. To balance and reinvigorate programming of primarily popular appeal, the festival's new coordinator. Choi Sukkuen, is deliberately seeking out those groups who attempt to assimilate experimental, avantgarde, often clearly western influences into their own traditions. Although his

music-and-dance drama, as yet makes some of it points about alienation and cultural suffocation rather crudely, the work of the Indonesian director and ethnomusicologist Sardono Kusomo was particularly memorable.

Sardono's concern with the dying musical traditions of the and Dayaks has led him to work with his students in the jungle villages of East Borneo, land Dayaks has led him to themselves to Jakarta, and now to Hongkong, to take part in his productions. The result is a gradual revitalization of the Dayaks' traditional dance and music and a lively integration of their distinctive slow, twirling, squatting dance movements and gentle flute and zither music with the electroacoustic and cinematic invention of the company's own composer and scenographer.

Sardono's syncretic ap-proach, with its exploitation, disruption and modification of traditional forms and rituals. has made him a somewhat controversial figure. No less so is Ramon Obusan from the Philippines, who, like Sardono, uses his folklore troupe as a showcase for his research as a musicologist and anthropologist at the University of Manila.

If the Festival of Asian Arts is turning its face increasingly far forward in its programming of visiting groups, then its confidence for the more immediate future with neighbouring dramatists and musicians in the People's Republic of China seems no less optimistic. As more and more performing arts companies are being established in the cities of mainland China, so in Hongkong pianists like Yin Chengzong and orchestras and opera groups from Beijing and Shanghai are warmly

The festival's coup this year the Centre for Indian Classical production of East Wind, a was bringing the Shanghai



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The Times Profile

US Ambassador Charles Price

Charles H. Price II Born April 1 1931, Kansas City, Missouri Educated Wentworth Military.

Academy
1953 Graduated University of Missouri

1953-55 Military service, US Air Force Variously Chairman and President, American Bancorporation, Chairman, American Bank and Trust Company of Kansas City, President and Director, Linwood Securities;

Chairman and Director, American Mortgage Company; Director, Americanc Inc.
Director, Swanson Broadcasting; Director, Earle Mulorgensen;
Member, World Business Council and the International Institute for Strategic Studies
1959 Married (second) Carol Ann Swanson,
They have five children: Pickette, Charles Blair, Caroline, Melissa and Charles III;

1981 Appointed Ambassador to Brussels 1983 Appointed Ambassador to London

Charles Price. President Reagan's Whereas in the past the number two in choice as new ambassador to Britain - the US Embassy had been the one with

who presents his credentials to the the main dealings with the Belgian

Queen on Tuesday – arrived in foreign ministry, suddenly they found London only a few weeks before millions of British television viewers saw his home town of Kansas City.

At his recent Senate confirmation

weapons".

He had previously been unfamiliar over the US-led invasion of Grenada

with the subject. In his previous life as and is angered by US moves to resume

candy king and Kansas City banker he arms sales to Argentina. The Ameri-

appointed US ambassadors down the deployment of cruise, many Britons years, recalling with particular anger a re strongly opposed to the new former ambassador who was a keen weapons, a factor which will affect

drinker and needed a special watch to defence ties between the two countries prevent such is being embarrassingly arrested. They looked forward to the Price will also be taking over in the

wanted to prove himself as a diplomat. recent US ambassadors to London.

Missouri, annihilated in a nuclear blast

during the film, The Day After.
The film was of course fictional, but the debate it engendered in the US, and

to which it added in the UK, will have

prepared Price for the issue likely to

dominate the first months of his term in Grosvenor Square: the deployment of nuclear-tipped cruise missiles in

Britain.
As US ambassador to Belgium for

the past 2½ years, he has become familiar with European views of the

great missile debate, having seen at

first hand the passions aroused by deployment of the new medium-range

had not had much to do with missiles.

But in Brussels he showed himself a

quick learner, not just about nuclear

diplomacy, including how to get along

Belgians say unofficially that they

have unhappy memories of politically

appointed US ambassadors down the

arrival of Price, the Candy Kid, with

apprehension. To their amazement he

was a glutton for work who desperately

ambassador in Colombia draws an analogy between Latin America

today and Germany in the 1930s. Cuban President Fidel Castro says it is a "blatant knowingly-made lie"

that he has anything to do with it.

The spark triggering these diverse observations? The South American

cocaine racket, or "Narcolandia" as

it has been punnishly-dubbed in a

region which delights in word play.

The name is apt enough since it not

only defines the merchandise but

also a vast territory extending north

to south down the continent's

suddenly it is arousing very real

alarm due to its pervasive growth,

its corruptive influence, its links

with subversive groups on the left

and political movements on the

fascist right, and a general percep-

tion that it has grown too big, too

powerful and too dangerous in a region crippled by foreign debt and

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The racket is not new but

Pacific limb.

policy but also about the finer points of

with tetchy Europeans.

the US Embassy had been the one with

hearing, Price - who is known to his friends as "Charlie" rather than the overly-familiar "Chuck" - showed himself well-informed when ques-

tioned about the Geneva INF talks and

Britain's own nuclear deterrent. He

made it clear he would use "each

occasion that I have to try to bring

home the message of sincerity that we feel toward the elimination of nuclear

Price will take over America's

premier ambassadorial post at a time

when relations between the US and

Britain are undergoing a period of uncharacteristic strain. Mrs Thatcher was miffed by the lack of consultation

cans have been no less upset by

Britain's attitude to its action in

Grenada, particularly the thinly dis-

guised wave of anti-Americanism this

appears to have unleashed among

Ronald Reagan see eye to eye on the

middle of a presidential term, itself

unusual. He is replacing Mr John

Louis, one of the least distinguished of

the cocaine consumed annually in

the US. Nobody has ever put a

figure on its value, except that it is

several times more than the 1.5 billion US dollars that Colombia

earns from coffee, officially its top

Now that the bottom has started

Though Margaret Thatcher and

some British political leaders.

injure side t won

to fall out of the marijuana racket endless questioning by suspicious due to the spectacular growth of pot Customs officers. cultivation in North America, the It is no coincidence that "Narco-"Mafiosi" are concentrating almost exclusively on cocaine. Coke has landia" closely mirrors the same Andean domain of the pre-Colomtraditionally been an up-market bian Inca Empire. The cultivation drug but the racketeers plan to of the coca plant was part of Inca change that through mass proculture: they chewed its leaves as an duction, converting cocaine into a popular classless drug similar to marijuana in the 1970s. antidote against the cold of high altitudes. Following the Spanish conquest attempts were made to Cocame is refined in laboratories forbid its cultivation after a priest

charged that it was an "ally of in Colombia from paste flown in from the highland regions where the which made the Indians resist Christian teaching. Five hundred years later, the coca plant has always grown. Similar laboratories exist on a much smaller scale in the northern eccentric Bolivian intellectual Amado Canelas argues that "co-Argentine province of Salta which Each year it is estimated that at borders Bolivia and is strategically least 20 tons of cocaine are placed for packaging the stuff off to caine is an instrument of historical through which tralitional Andean society is taking belated revenge, not only against

> the innocence of a Garden of Eden continent, but also against more recent North American influences. Belaunde Terry is not alone among South American intellectuals in claiming that the grandeur of the Inca Empire, centred in Peru, rivalled that of the Romans. Today he warms of the dangers of the New Empire: "Our democracies are doubly threatened by subversion and the narcotics traffic. It is clear that in countries like Colombia and Peru narcotics are the principal source of the financing of subver-

the Conquistadores who violated

back, of vengeful gods, of a coming amuggled into the United States via apocalypse. The United States the "Colombian connexion" net-ambassador in Colombia draws an work. That represents 80 per cent of Although the US remains the ous form of cocaine base variously United Nations".

principal market, a current cocaine

glut is turning Europe, including

Britain, into an increasingly im-

portant second market. Indeed, a Colombian journalist recently re-

ported from London that Heathrow

has now become as unpleasant for

Colombian passport holders as

Miami or New York because of the

Specifically he charges that the Colombian April 19 Movement and the Sendero Luminoso terrorists in Peru are receiving arms and "narcodollars" from the racketeers. Furthermore, he claims there exists 'close contact" between the Italian Mafia and South American racketeers. The aim of these alliances is, in the Peruvian president's view, to fuel subversion in a bid to trigger military takeovers, ousting good democrats like himself and Colombian President Belisario Betancur Cuartas who are trying to curb the

Alarm over the drug trade is ereatest in Colombia and not just because of its ties with subversion. Colombia has suddenly discovered that for the first time it has a serious

drug problem among young people. Colombian "Mañosi" have long been the empire builders of "Narcolandia". As enterprising as ever, they are trying to shed their dependency on paste from Peru and Bolivia and are now cultivating the coca plant on a massive scale in Colombia. At the same time they clearly intend not only to keep North American addicts supplied but also create a



Charles Price: quick learner in the art of diplomacy. Photograph by Harry Kerr

mixed with marijuana and tobacco.

with the aim of establishing a

permanent long-term domestic

market. The smoking of "bazuko" is

now catching on fast in other

Shocked by the destructive effect

"bazuko" on increasing numbers

of young people, Colombia's courageous Justice Minister Rodrigo

Lara Bonilla has launched a wide-

ranging investigation which has resulted in a wave of arrests, confiscation of planes suspected of

smuggling and the aprooting of large

acreages of marijuana and coca

crops. Journalists, judges and even

priests who have investigated the

racket in the past have been

murdered and many wonder how

long Lara Bonilla can avoid a bullet.

In the United States Embassy in

ogota Ambassador Lewis Tambs

looks on approvingly. The urbane

Mr Tambs is not a career diplomat

but an academic specializing in

His nomination as ambassador was fiercely opposed by US liberals

and many Colombians, because of

his well-known opposition to the Panama Canal treaties, his general

hard-line views, and disparaging

remarks from his past, like the time

he dismissed many Latin American

Latin American affairs.

countries, most notably Peru.

Britain was limited. His failure to return to London from a golfing holiday in Florida until 10 days after the Falklands War started earned him the epithet "The Invisible Man".

Just how out of touch he had become was demonstrated during a dinner party given by a member of the royal family, attended by Mrs Thatcher and himself, on the eve of the Grenada

political stability of those countries that produce it

The deadly road to Narcolandia

Though a pleasant man and a invasion. Mrs Thatcher was called gracious host, his political impact in away and returned to Downing Street to receive a call from President Reagan. Louis remained at the table and did not find out until hours later what was happening.

Price will not allow a similar

situation to occur. He has a reputation for hard work and for immersing himself in whatever he is doing. As Senator John Danforth, a long-time friend put it: "He is smart. He is

They have pinpointed teenagers in the Colombian capital, he has

For six months since his arrival

never missed an opportunity to warn in grammatically correct if

heavily-accented Spanish of the

perils posed by the Soviet Union

alerted to "Narcolandia".

and its Cuban proxies. Now

Noting the links between drug

money and certain fascist-style

movements in Colombia and

elsewhere in the region, he has told

the Bogotà daily El Tiempo that

"Latin America today reminds me of Germany in the 1930s when the

criminals - that's to say, the Nazis came to power" he hastily and

diplomatically adds that at least in

also happen to be decidedly anti-

Gringos have robbed us of our

national resources, one after another, gold, silver, bronze, tin, and

tomorrow, no doubt, our gas. Now

they want to give us a bad

imperialistic. Says one:

himself into his job.'

Though he had never been to Belgium before, spoke no French and had never been a diplomat, he served said Senator Danforth, with distinction and skill" in Brussels.

It was noted that he was running his embassy rather than leaving that to the professional diplomats. Leo Tindemans, the foreign minister, was only too happy to talk to him (Tindemans is only too happy to talk to anyone who will listen, of course) but he found that it was useful to have the ear of someone who had the ear of the White

Price is now 52, well over 6ft tall and is a classic product of Middle America. He inherited a family confectionary business in Kansas City, ran it well branched into banking and made a lot of money. Though he is not rich on the scale of, say, Walter Annenberg - a close friend and a former ambassador to London - he had enough of it to enable him to become a leading contributor to the President's election campaign, and that is how the top ambassadorships are obtained in the

He was also fortunate in marrying a rich, attractive and intelligent wife, Carol Price is the daughter of a frozenfood manufacturer from Omaha, Nebraska (where she was the "Aksarben Queen" for two years, "Aksarben" being Nebraska spelt backwards). In Brussels, she had three rooms in the residence to house her wardrobe of gowns. (The removers also packed 275 of Price's suits.) A graduate from Stamford University, Mrs Price became a friend of Annenberg before he went to London as the Nixon Administration's ambassador.

Through the Annenbergs, the Prices met the Reagans at the Annenbergs' estate in Palm Springs, California. For many years the families spent New Year's Eve together and when Reagan decided to run for president, Price was one of his leading fund-raisers in

Kansas City.

Politically, Price has similar views to Reagan and will have no difficulty with the President's foreign and domestic policies when he is in London. Socially, he is described as very personable - outgoing and cultivated. He is also said to be the soul of discretion who is always careful not to put a foot wrong.

Nicholas Ashford

Cocaine is the new, hugely profitable, merchandise of the racketeers. Its corrupt influence is now undermining the

why should we feel guilty about the drug addiction and degeneration of the North Americans"? So speaks Roberto Suarez Gomez, otherwise known as Bolivia's "King of Cocaine" and affectionately as "Papito," or reverently as "Su Sanctidad," in the Bolivian region of Beni, his personal fiefdom. Protected by his own private army, he survives and prospers despite the exit last year of his military friends, whom he helped enrich while in power, and despite the start of another of Bolivia's periodic flirtations with democracy.

suddenly in something resembling a major revelation, he has been In La Paz the civilian government does not fear revolutionary guerrillas but rather the perpetual threat of military takeover. There are a number of officers exiled in Buenos Aires who are nostalgic for a recent past when they ruled the "coke republic," and there are reports that "Papito" is now trading coca for arms across the Argentine frontier, to bring them back.

Colombia "the people will never let Mr Tambs is said to be very good it happen". El Tiempo is a respected liberal newspaper and at briefing his Washington friends on the Soviet-Cuban threat, but Tambs seems to have used the how could he articulate the threat of interview to try to soften his image. "Narcolandia" as outlined by Amado Canelas? Ironically, the "Matiosi" are every bit as anti-communist and conservative as Mr Tambs. They

If the "Apocalypse of cocaine" is let loose, he says, the Inca Gods will then prove that they have "defeated Jesus Christ because the soul of the Indians, today as yesterday, belongs

Geoffrey Matthews



Masked men pour coca paste into bags ready for refining, protected by armed guards

moreover... Miles Kington

# Versed in paste-up poetry

I never really believed that story about the 12 chimpanzees who, if they were taught to type, would sooner or later come up with a Shakespeare play. For one thing, the laws of chance would make them produce something shorter first, and Sod's Law would ensure it was a Pam Ayres poem. For another, the 12 chimps would go their own way long before then as writers always do - one to take to drink, another to become a Sunday Times book reviewer, two to produce a musical based on King Kong and so on.

In any case, there is a much better example of random literature to hand. Twenty years ago the French novelist Raymond Queneau produced a small book called Cent Mille Milliards de Poèmes, containing ten 14-line sonnets. Each page was cut deeply between each line so that different lines from different poems could be combined to make a new poem - the first line of the first poem, the second of the third, for instance, and so on (A completely random poem could be made by sliding a knitting needle up through the book, wiggling it about a bit). As each sonnet had exactly the same rhyme scheme, each new sonnet was a proper connet and as far as Queneau could ensure it, even obeyed grammatical rules.

He calculated that the total number of sonnets available to the dedicated knitting needle wielder was ten, to the power of 14, or one hundred million million, and that reading them non-stop would take 190,258,751 years. I calculated when I first came across the book that it would not be a bestseller and that no one would ever translate it into English.

I was only right about the first, because One Hundred Million Million Poems has just been published by the translator John Crombie in Paris, and a stupendous achievement it is too, gloriously, idiotically

At six the sahib dons fresh laundered hose.
(Of muggers all wise rustics are afraid)
The "Oh" he cries – and adds two faint
"Oh No!"s
While vultures swooping low give fitful
shade.

That's the first four lines of a new poem I have just created at random. Quite atmospheric, if not world-class, but what I like best about it is that it is a totally new Let's try again.

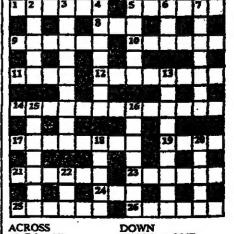
The gaucho dreams of bareback rodeos And downs his first gin-fizz (or-He wipes the guano off his block boot While vultures swooping low give fitful

It's those vultures again, but as it's a different context they seem like different vultures, and we're off a new direction. Quite honestly, I'd much rather be playing with the book than writing about it, especially as John Crombie has decided to make it a joy to handle - it's hand-set, printed on thick creamy paper and bound with an intricate white ribbon. And limited to 500 copies.

From the same hands comes another Queneau book. Un Conte à Votre Façon or Yours for the Telling, a tiny children's tale with multi-choice development. Page one reads: "Would you like to read the tale of the three sprintly peas? If so, turn to page four, if not, turn to page two." Turn to page two and you find: "Would you prefer the tale of the three tall, lanky beanpoles? If so turn to page 16; if not, turn to page three." Of course, one goes through reading every variation, and very funny most of them are. This book is lavishly decorated by Sheila Bourne and is just as much pleasure to handle as One Hundred Million Million

Anyone who wants further information about these two books (but especially the poems) should write without delay to John rombie at Kickshaws, 13 rue de la Grande Chaumiere, 75005 Paris. Meanwhile, if you care to cut up this piece into different lines. then shuffle it into a different order, you could enter it for the Booker Prize next

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# **BOOKS**

# Recent books about Russian life and politics

# The Big Brother state.

Life in Russia By Michael Binyon (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95)

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Among the Russians By Colin Thubron

(Heinemann, £8.95) Michael Binyon spent four and a half years in the Soviet Union reporting for The Times. Life in Russia is a distillation of his experiences during that time, providing a valuable guide to an extraordinary society, alien in almost all its ways from our own. Despite restrictions placed on his movements and the rigid circumscription of society at large, he is able to conjure up a credible impression of life in the great socialist state. The result is an invaluable guide for any

prospective visitor. On the whole the impression is utterly depressing. Everything is characterized by boundless inefficiency, disorder, corruption, vice and repression. Everywhere there are shortages, mechanical breakdowns, administrative blunders of colos-sal proportions and profligate wastage. There is nothing which is not controlled, or rather obstructed, by a state administration which would be incapable of solving the problems of this vast land were it staffed by teams of Solons. As it is the rulers come up only with Five-Year Plans which have the effect of crippling the economy infinitely more effectively than any United States boycott could

dream of emulating. Michael Binyon provides many amusing instances of this bureaucratic confusion, such as the provincial newspaper whose disappearance from circulation a skilled gatherer of out-of-thepassed unnoticed for a month, way anecdotes and details and the unbuilt factory whose which bring his wide-ranging production rate featured so survey to vivid life. He is less satisfactorily in government happy on the historical back-statistics for a year or more. ground, which occasionally

After Brezhnev

back £6.95)

Sources of Soviet Conduct in the

1980s Edited by Robert F. Byrnes (Frances Pinter, £16.50, paper-

Predicting who will follow

President Andropov is less

important than determining what changes are likely in Soviet policy. This task was expertly tackled by some three

dozen eminent scholars brought

together by the Georgetown University Center for Strategic

and International Studies to

ume that presents a sound analysis of Soviet decision

making. Seven working groups

examined political, economic,

social and cultural trends;

military forces; Eastern Europe

and foreign policy.
The editor, Professor Robert

Byrnes, discusses the critical

choices facing the USSR, and

comes to the depressing but

justified conclusion that the leaders who emerge after Andropov will share the values

of those now at the top who

selected them. He rightly argues that while the Western allies can

have little direct influence on

how the Soviet leadership

manages internal affairs, they

should "use their considerable

strengths at appropriate times

to contain Soviet power". By

coordinating their policies they may be able "to nudge the

Soviet Union into policies that

make the system more tolerable

for its citizens and less threaten-

The authors agree that in the

ing for the world".

produce a comprehensive vo

secession from socialism, and the Russian birth and life expectancy rates are declining drastically. Not surprisingly divorce and abortion stalk through almost every other through almost every other marriage, and youth is widely alienated into the much-condemned but totally resistant jeans culture. The entire countryside has been despoiled as if ravaged for years by a

survived the onslaught against everything which formerly sustained and exalted her people: religion, literature, the family self-expression, and self-ad-vancement, Mr Binyon pro-vides many examples of the innate kindliness, warmth and generosity which characterize so many Russians amid all their tribulations, and which arise at least in part as a reaction against the prevailing darkness of oppression. He also chronicles traits which appear eccentric to the outsider, such as the Russian love when opportunity offers of doing absolutely nothing at all.

foreseeable future the USSR

will neither collapse, nor be-come a democracy; it will

remain a destabilizing element in international affairs. Pro-fessor Seweryn Bialer is con-

vincing in explaining why he does not expect any fundamen-

tal reform of the present system

which combines "Stalinist

totalitarianism and traditional

authoritarianism". The regime now applies less drastic means

of coercion than in Stalin's

time, but it certainly cannot

dispense with authoritarian methods without unacceptable

Professor Bialer warns the US

Administration not to push the

Soviet leaders at a time of

transition, since what they fear

more than anything else is to be

considered weak and irresolute,

and they may therefore tend to

overcompensate when chal-

lenged. Although declining internally the USSR is capable

of "tremendous mischief in the

pursue an expansionist foreign

policy if not contained by a

strengthened Western alliance

capable of pursuing a patient

and consistent long-range pol-

expects a considerable fall in

Soviet oil output by 1990

leading to a reduction in energy

exports and contributing to the

general slow-down in economic

growth. Bad management, inef-

ficient agriculture and low

labour productivity are among

the other perennial problems, but the USSR will probably

"muddle through", with the

Professor Robert Campbell

international arena" and will

changes in Soviet policy

But overall the reality lacks a leads him into seriously mis-humorous aspect. It is particu-leading error. Thus he writes in larly harsh on women, who emotional vein of the Soviet make up 51 per cent of the "war memorial" at Khatyn, labour force, and 92 per cent of being strangely unaware that whom either work or study. In this hideously vulgar ediffice addition the majority of house-was erected in 1969 as a strangely unaware that wives are faced with a daily four propaganda distraction from hours of housekeeping, much of Kaiyn of infamous memory. He hours of nousekeeping, much of it taken up by the amazing also believes that "the principle triple-queue system required when shopping. Living-quarters are drab and cramped, drunkenness among men remains a ubiquitously popular means of seeding off the countryside from prying eyes is firmly rooted in pre-revolutionary practice". It is not, as a glance at an old Murray or Baedeker would have confirmed.

There is no danger of finding howlers of this sort in Colin Thubron's superb account of his solitary journey in an old Morris Marina across much of European Russia. His under-standing of Russian history and civilization is profound, as is his perception of Soviet re-alities. His writing has an enchanted, lyrical quality which never falters. It is hard to think Fortunately there is another of a better travel book written Russia which has somehow this century. He has a way of absorbing and imparting atmosphere and feeling which is

uniquely infectious. Everywhere he went he struck up fascinating acquaintances, and clearly possesses a deep talent for inspiring confidences and eliciting those views and experiences which can illumi-nate a whole life in a few paragraphs. He neither obtrudes himself nor remains clusively detached; indeed, it is his own personality, warm, responsive, generous and deeply civilized, which acts as a perfect foil to the bizarre and melancholy land of his exploration. It is hard to think of a book more warmly to be recommended to anyone with the slightest interest in Russia and her people, or who simply wishes to read some of the very best English prose. A

magnificent achievement

Nikolai Tolstoy

economy performing well enough to satisfy military demands, thus ensuring that the

political leadership will remain

Living standards are no longer showing a steady improvement; the USSR faces

increasing mortality rates, eth-nic tensions, declining social mobility. falling moral stan-dards, cultural isolation, and –

not surprisingly - "growing pessimism". Soviet policy in

Eastern Europe has become

more sophisticated, but the

evidence that the Kremlin will

continue to maintain its tight

grip. Professor Adam Ulam

rounds off this thorough cover-

age of Soviet affairs with a

perceptive essay on foreign

There are, of course, many

details of presentation and interpretation with which one

might quibble. The Sovict

empire was not "legitimized internationally" in the Helsinki

Final Act, which provided for

the possible changing of fron-

tiers by peaceful means. It is

wrong to say that apart from the

general secretary none of the

Central Committee secretaries

is responsible for foreign policy. What about Boris Ponomarev,

head of the international de-

partment for almost 30 years?

However, there are surprisingly few slips considering the speed

with which this timely work of

high scholarship and stimulat-

Iain Elliot

ing arguments was produced.

authors believe on sound

unthreatened by the generals.



# Pictures for the record

A Vanished World by Roman Vishniac

(Allen Lane, £30)

If McCallin is this century's great photographer of war, then Vishniac has done more than any other to document war's precursor; persecution and terror. Using a hidden camera he travelled across Eastern Europe between 1934 and 1939 in hazardous conditions (he was ofter taken for a bazardous conditions (he was ofter taken for a spy) in order to photograph Jewish Communities at work and play. Of his 16,000 negatives only 2,000 remain, and a selection are published here for the first time. In the certain knowledge that many of his subjects were to perish he embarked on a self-appointed mission: "I felt that the world was about to be cast into the shadow of Nazism, and that the automa would be the annihilation and that the outcome would be the annihilation of a people who had no spokesman to record their plight." The results of his extraordinary journeys across Germany and Poland tend to render contemporary attempts at "committed" photography insipid, for he was not so foolish as to believe that photography could change anything. He was a Jew among Jews; a silent clinical observer from the inside and the custodian, as he saw it, of the world's conscience.

microscopic photography (a field in which he is pre-eminent) as a matter of style. The apparently insignificant gesture of a man on his way home in Warraw (1937), clutching all his possessions in a paper bag. His hand is tucked into his jacket across his stomach: is he ill? Is he hungry? Vishniar's best photographs succeed in this allusive manner, a technique redolent of Cartier-Bresson. In the tradition of modern reportage photography he covers all spheres of Jewish life, from religious instruction to begel-making. But it from religous instruction to begel-making. But it is in his photographs of children that Vishniac's gains is most evident, and where he manages most brilliantly to avoid the distracting gloss of sentimentality which such subjects easily provoke. A little Jewish girl is berated in the street by a policeman in Warsaw. Onlookers stare from a safe distance. The child does not look at the man. Her mind is elsewhere. She does not have a licence for her bicycle. Just how Vishniac's pictures convey a sense of the diaspora to come must remain a mystery. More than forty years after the event this collection constitutes a mememto mori in which sesthetic pleasure must perforce take a back seat. "When he cried" said W H Anden in Epitaph for a Tyrant, "the little children died in the street."

Rory Coonan

# The pictured betray early training in Welsh boy makes good

In My Time An Autobiography

By Lord Elwyn-

Jones

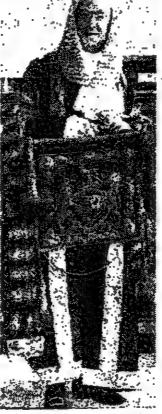
(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.50)

Much the most interesting part of this book is the account of the Nuremberg Trial. Lord Elwyn-Jones, a newly elected Labour M.P., was briefed in August to appear, among others, as Counsel for the Prosecution. We cannot be too often reminded of the enormous scale and horror of the committed by the Nazi leaders which no exigencies of the preparations for, or the conduct of, war could possibly excuse.

Nowadays it is suggested by some that the numbers who suffered have been exaggerated and that many German officials, including those highly placed, were unaware of what was going on. Elwyn-Jones and his fellow Counsel had access to voluminous undestroyed official records. "Our estimate at Nuremberg was that no less than 12 million men, women and children of many races were killed in cold blood."

That takes no account of documents lost or destroyed, or of the multitudes still in the concentration camps when the Germans were defeated. The

the prosecutors. Lord Elwyn-Jones government, his book is mainly what life was like in a a flat and detailed recital of remarkable family in which the events which stays outside the parents struggled so hard, in the



Lord Chancellor, 1974 facade without attempting to

show what is behind it. The author's father was for defendants were convicted by thirty years a rollerman in a their own statistics. Forensic South Wales steelworks, at skills were scarcely needed by times unemployed. His mother's parents originally came was from a small farm. There were tempted to leave the Bar and to seven children of whom only become a journalist before the four survived past eleven become a journalist before the four survived past eleven war. "I felt that journalism was months. Mr and Mrs Jones not my true vocation." How brought up the other three boys wise he was Apart from and a girl in a terraced house in Nuremberg and the case of the Banaba Islanders, monstrously them went to a university, the Banaba Islanders, monstrously them went to a university, the despoiled by phosphate extrao-tors with the aid of the British It would be fascinating to know

their children a better life than theirs. Lord Elwyn-Jones did not understand what rich material he had. Or could it be that as a dedicated Socialist he hesitates to say too much about the glittering opportunities thrifty, selfless working class parents could make available to talented children forty years before the Butler Education Called to the Bar in 1935, he

was encouraged in his legal by D. N. Print, eventually expelled from the Labour Party for his close sympathies with Communism. On a holiday with the Pritts he met Pearl Binder, a writer of the very Left, who in the sixties became an enthusiastic supporter of CND. They married in 1937 and genuinely lived happy ever after; their mutual love is

As time passed Elwyn-Jones grew away from the politics of his early associations and ended, I would judge, some-where in the Wilson-Callaghan belt. He much enjoyed being Lord Chancellor and all the trimmings which went with it.
You can't do that without succumbing to the idea that society is perhaps not ordered quite so badly as you thought when you first started the

struggle to get to the top of it. His book may even be useful to historians ploughing the furrows of research for still more source material. But they should expect no startling revelations or original thinking from Lord Elwyn-Jones. How-ever, an appendix contains the whole of Lord Elwyn-Jones' speech in the Rotunda of the Capitol when presenting to Congress one of the original copies of Magna Carta on loan for one year, and from which the reader may learn how privileged Lord Elwyn-Jones felt he was to be there on that

Woodrow Wyatt

# Fiction

# A Highlander on the make

Calum Tod By Norman Malcolm favours of a mass readership. Macdonald

(Canongate: £7.50: paperback, £2.95)

Come Back By Jonathan Smith

(Michael Joseph. £8.95) The Scotswoman who is meant to have read a dictionary under the impression that it was a novel, and afterwards to have commented, "Verra interesting, but a wee bit disconnected, might have made a similar remark about Calum Tod.
Calum Tod is interesting, but pushes disunity to unusual lengths. lengths. It contains not merely a failed novel within a novel which does not fully succeed but also a very good book review which explains why the novel fails.

This review is of great assistance when wondering what to say. For although the writing is of evident quality, it is so disparate that the whole amounts to rather less than the sum of its parts. In the internal review we discover why this

should be so. So the novel describes, and itself reflects, a writer in a state of flux. To write novels about writing novels is to run the risk of appearing introverted, it being thought for some unaccountable reason that writers in their struggle to interpret things are different to other human beings. But there is the agreeable feeling to this book that it exists because Norman Macdo-

naid wanted to write it, not because he would solicit the

hood agonies. Tod goes to sea, war, the Soviets today. and then — some literary With even greater clarity, references have warned that this though a light touch and no may happen - he starts to write a novel, a stream of consciousss, using the girl with whom he lives as his raw material. But we learn later that Tod "was quite unable to carry on with it Hill". He makes a last, unsuccessful attempt, involving the use of a pair of card indexes, and concludes he has achimself outside his native land, as a failure something of a tour

de force. Come Back is about an Englishman whose first love is for Eva, a girl of Czech descent. His gaucheness, and the charming pretentiousness of his budding mind, are well denowadays when two young to nothing. Mr Smith has thinkers fall into romantic and the dilector fate, Albert Camus. Eva and the minds under tyranny, in the tigating the episode during the written a readable and enter-Second World War when President Benes set in train from London the assassination of the Leader of the Reich of the Leader of the Kelth Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, Reinhard Heydrich. Heydrich's father was a dis-heydrich's father was a dis-meren, snder Sk John rather than Heydrich's father was a distinguished composer, Heydrich Soane.

ruthless butcher. That is an unpleasant fact to which Mr Tod is brought up on the island of Lewis. The islanders' harsh way of life is drawn with skilful roughness, folk tales without whimsy. After child-regimes, the Nazis during the Smith draws attention, the

moralizing, Mr Smith shows the difficulties faced by those who want to resist a brutal occu-pation. Benes, of whom an excellent portrait is given, in 1938 fears that to resist the after he moved out to Notting Germans by force would mean national suicide and a bombedout Prague. In 1942, desperately anxious to demonstrate that the Czechs are determined to resist, complished nothing. But he has and so worthy of help from the accomplished a fine portrait of West as the French or the a Highlander trying to prove Poles. Benes instigates the himself outside his native land, attack on Heydrich. It leads to the razing of villages and the murder of thousands of Czech civilians in retaliation. Today, for an activity so violent as writing plays, the reward may be torture and imprisonment. Czechoslovakia is a far off country of which we know next

Andrew Gimson

# Call the land as witness

### Village Farmstead By Christopher Taylor

(George Philip, £10.95)

This is the most startling work of history I have ever read. So many accepted scenarios are set aside that the general reader begins very slowly to touch the articles of furniture around him in the room.

at certain points, in prehistory THAN THERE IS NOW. and the onset of the Dark Ages,

woodland, a process beginning in Saxon times and accelerating in the Middle Ages. Wrong. The growth of pollen and soil

analysis suggests that the attack in the woodland began around 5,500 BC, And now, wait for it. BY ABOUT 1000 BC THERE Its theme is the history of WAS PROBABLY LESS rural settlement in England, but WOODLAND IN ENGLAND

Which brings us to the it becomes a history of England. greatest shattering of all, that of The author, Christopher Taylor, the Saxon invasion on which makes use of the most recent 1500 years of Welsh myth were archaeological research but, and based. Taylor sees this not in more startling of the most terms of the last great battles in

recent aerial photography. He the West but as a hiccup, "the calls as witness the land itself." What do most of us accept? grating society". He quotes at estimate of Professor Charles of villages, the clearing of the woodland, a process beginning 10,000 SAXON SETTLERS CAME TO THIS COUNTRY The population of Roman Britain could have been as high as 5,000,000.

There are few villains in thi book and linle drama. Hi theme is change itself, operatin almost independently of men He calls it "drift". Settlement are founded, grow and disap-pear and often there seems to be no reason at all. And it has all been going on for far longer than any of us know,

Byron Rogers

### The String Quartet By Paul Griffiths from one of the most notorious undistributed middles of criti-cism, namely the implication that because Beethoven was thought difficult in his time and proved to be great, it is likely to be the same with difficult works Born in somewhat obscure ircumstances, brought up by Haydn and given new stature by Beethoven, in middle life

Four true strings

Taking the waters

The Spencers on

By Raine Spencer

Photographs by John Spencer (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.95)

English Spas are very fascinat-

ing cities, the survivors of the rage for mineral waters and hot baths that swept like a hurricane through eighteenth century Europe. Of course their origins were far older, Bath became famous in Roman days; others took root in the middle ages but they achieved little more than a

they achieved little more than a local fame. In the eighteenth century the sick and the barren

haunted them in the fear of death and the hope for life.

In the eighteenth century there were over three hundred wells and baths, in various

stages of growth - most of them had a short, ephemeral existence but some grew and flourished - Buxton, Learning-

ton. Cheltenham, Tunbridge Wells, the towns we still know as the "English Spas". Only very few of the minor spas have survived in contrast with

France where several have become the highly sophisticated playgrounds of the seriously rich. If only John Aspinall and

Robert Carrier had taken over Matlock Bath, or rebuilt Mistley or rescued Ashby-de-la-Zouchel

Thames & Hudson, £12)

combination of two violins,

viola and cello, enduring as it has through all the vicissitudes

of the symphony orchestra.

If Haydn occupies the largest part of the book, that is justice not only to the volume of his output but to its range. As Mr

Griffiths puts it, beside some of the symphonies he can in his

quariets be "more intimately clever, more at home and more dangerous." One of the qualities

is by no means as nearly extinct

continuing appeal of the me-

dium to social wit, personal profundity, and musical intelli-

gence. He is an eloquent and

vivid exponent of the newest

music, but he is not entirely free

Spas

Some have survived partly by being, like Harrogate, retire-ment centres for our ageing

middle-class; others have been helped – like Learnington with its vast and beautiful parks – by being close to the teeming hordes of Birmingham and

Coventry. And some by luck - Woodhall Spa, built because John Pitt found water instead of coal, attached a fine golf course

to itself just before the game boomed. The most important factor of all, however, has been the splendour of their architec-tural heritage which even the most wanton philistines failed

Lord Spencer's photography

are quite exceptionally good whether of architecture or of people or of both. And the book will prove a wonderful bargain not only for the pictures but

also for the text. Lady Spencer is artlessly artful. She combines history with personal reminiscence in the most engaging

Way.
The Spas are as great a part of

our heritage as stately homes, castles or cathedrals - perhaps

more so for they encapsulate so

much of human experience - its pain and suffering as well as its delight in beauty - all of which is brought vividy home in this beautiful book.

John Plumb

of our own time. Beethoven still is difficult. somewhat neglected, the string quartet is still alive and very well indeed. So Mr Griffiths suggests in this lively, well-written history of the genre, declaring it to have "the Without attempting the range of Beethoven's major commentators, among them Kerman, Lam, and Radcliffe, Mr Grif-fiths manages to make some excellent points of his own stability yet capacity for con-munt renewal of a living species." There is certainly no lack of interest among living composers in the tried and true

bout the quartet. He writes with courage and verve, and his gift for touching on an illumi-nating point in a work's structure seldom betrays him. I think he might have made more of the extraordinary majorminor drama that runs through Schubert's G major quartet, and the "Death and the Maiden" movement of the D minor quartet is surely better seen as an outcome of the powerful first movement, with its stricken shudder of a close, than as a piece requiring a prefatory movement. He is also nervous of the Paris "quatuor brillant" tradition, which in turn leads

of Haydn's greatness is his capacity for taking wonderful risks, without which all musichim, like most writers, to underestimate Cherubini. making, whether by composer He still manages to write or interpreter, becomes sterile. about it with the enthusiasm And the works are all accessible and the quick perceptions that to the domestic musician, who

as Mr Griffiths seems to think, John Warrack But the later the day gets, the more uncomfortable or simply defeated the amateur becomes POYLES ART GALLERY and the more severely taxed SIMON fessional. Mr Griffiths scarcely justifies in his envoi his view that "it would be possible to imagine the Haydn-Dirtersdorf-Mozart-Vanhal quartet sitting down to tackle Carter or Xenakis" on the grounds of the

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# The lion in the dinosaurs' den

THE TIMES **DIARY** 

The silent tipster

Tony Christopher, leader of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation and rumoured to succeed Len Murray as TUC general secretary is obviously very approachable to people with problems. The owner of a restaurant which he frequents recently asked his advice about a delicate financial matter. It appears that customers are increasingly adding the tip to their credit card payment when settling their bill. This makes the tips taxable, which they would not be if paid in cash. I would dearly love to know what advice Mr Christopher gave, but this particular tax man refuses to return

### Times future

John Graham, the man who produced a publication called Nat Yet The Times while the genuine article was off the streets in 1979, is arrice was off the streets in 1979, is producing a second edition to greet the new Orwellian year. It will bear the date January 1, 2004 and will feature some familiar-sounding columnists looking back on 1984 from their prison cells. Mr Graham describes the concerns to broadchest. describes his paper as "a broadsheet joke". It will be easy not to confuse it with our own more serious version of events since, as well as hearing a futuristic date stamp. Mr Graham's newspaper will cost rather more than 20p.

### Milked dry

The duary is a regular feature of most newspapers and magazines. The Journalist. official organ of the NUJ. is more original. The column in its seventy-fifth anniversary issue about people and events goes under the heading "Dairy"

### Sticky wicket

The early joint favourites for the chairmanship of the all-party Select Committee on Defence. Michael Mates and Michael Marshall. have more in common than their first names and initials. Both Tory MPs share a passion for cricket: Marshall is a former BBC cricket commentator and Mates is captain of the Lords and Commons cricket team. Marshall is also a prolific author. His next book is a history of Gentlemen v Players. In view of the shenanigans which have taken place over the choice of the defence committee's chairman, this might well be a subject on which he has acquired a new understanding.



First Roger, you must be awarded an OBE before you can send it

### Paid-for channel

Roland Rat, like other TV stars before him, has discovered the delights of free foreign travel. His three-week trip to Switzerland will be featured in 17 separate 25-minute episodes on TV-am over Christmas and the New Year. Luckily for TV-am, which was recently beset by unpaid creditors, the Swiss Tourist Board and Swissaur were "very helpful" with the jaunt to Zerman and Saasfee. A Swissair jet will be seen winging its way to the land of the yodel at the start of each episode.

### Yardstick

The Metropolitan Police are taking their time about acquiring a more sensitive image, following the rather critical Policy Studies Institute report on their performance. In the latest issue of their magazine, The Joh. ex-Area Commander Don Saunders warns Met men that "without an aim in life after retirement, you could end up carrying the wife's shopping bag".

### Vanguard

Publishing News carries a riposte by publisher Leo Cooper to bookshops which claim they cannot get certain books until after Christmas: "This is patent nonsense. Most publishers can deliver during the Christmas, and deliver during the Christmas, and the control with several control and many accordance to the control of period with great speed and many go to ingenious lengths, like hiring vans for their reps" - replacing perhaps their usual bus or bicycle?

# TalkalongaNeil

It didn't really need a two-year £34,000 study of politicians by a research team from Warwick University to discover that Neil Kinnock "has a tendency to ramble". His Shadow Cabinet colleagues will deliver the same information for free. They are finding that Shadow Cabinet meetings are getting longer and longer because of their leader's habit of never using one sentence when three paragraphs will do. After a recent two-hour marathon, one member calculated that when added together Kinnock's contributions totalled 90

PHS

Mr Len Murray last night survived the buggest trial of his leadership of the TUC, but the union movement's opposition to the Government's employment legislation lay in ruins

The substantial majority recorded in favour of his repudiation of support for the unlawful one-day strike called by the NGA confirms the sharp trend away from the direct action school of policy in opposing legal curbs on the unions. It also demonstrates that the moderates have taken a firm grip on the direction of the labour movement, but the split in the general council also show that a substantial minority within the TUC does not accept Mr Murray's view that opposition to the 1980 and 1982 Employment Acts must be kept within the law.

The TGWU immediately said it would continue to support the NGA in its present strategy to win a closed shop at the Messenger group of newspapers, which has cost £675,000 in fines for contempt of court orders not to picket the company's Warrington plant.

The crisis precipitated by Mr Murray's repudiation of the expressed support for the NGA by union leaders finally put into sharp focus an internal conflict over the leadership style of the TUC General Secretary that has been simmering for months.

When they met three nights ago,

Paul Routledge looks at the simmering conflict behind the attempt to censure the TUC leader, Len Murray

some members of the Employment Policy and Organization Committee were shocked at the first draft of the statement prepared for their approval. It scarcely mentioned the employer. Eddie Shah. but it condemned the violence on the Warrington picket line and Mr Murray insisted that it should be

endorsed. "Does that mean we have to do as we are told?" asked Mr Moss Evans, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, the largest affiliate to the TUC. The question was not without feeling. There is a powerful under-current of sentiment that Mr Murray is overeaching himself. It was not always so. Elected unopposed in 1973 to take over

from the folksy but crafty Vic Feather. he was initially over-shadowed by those two giants of the 1970s trade union world, Jack Jones of the transport union and Hugh Scanlon of the engineering workers. When the "terrible twins" retired, virtually simultaneously, labour commentators could see no obvious heirs among the 40-odd union leaders who then made up the

general council. That is because they were looking in the wrong direction. It was Lionel Murray who was to be the new lion of the labour

He filled the power vacuum left by the departure of the Jones-Scanlon axis, unobtrusively at first but in recent years with evident relish. TUC policy is fashioned publicly at the annual congress each autumn and privately in the sub-committees of the general council. He dominates both.

When his personal imprimatur on a peace formula for the settlement of a strike – ironically by NGA members at the Financial Times was called into question four months ago, he turned on members of the General Council and remind-ed them that they had all asked for his support in the dispute at one time or another.

He won the vote overwhelmingly making the issue a test of the TUC's authority; and that authority was identified with his own personal standing in the matter.

The TUC rule book is vague

Secretary and silent about the real scope of his influence. He is a full voting member of the General Council and of its major com-mittees, though Mr Murray rarely votes and then usually only on internal issues such as the reform of the General Council itself.

The rules understate his real power. His staff, most of whom are intensely loyal, write the policy papers that go to General Council committees. Within the general parameters laid down by congress decisions, they effectively determine the posture of the TUC – and that public face has come to look very much like the views of Mr Murray himself. The collision yesterday was between the political thrust of his Congress House machine, together with its newly triumphant moderate majority on the General Council. and the unions who stick defiantly to the TUC's preelection policies of total hostility to employment legislation enacted by Mrs Thatcher's

Mr Murray reportedly described the opposition of these class-struggle warriors as "the last twitch of the dinosaurs". He may now be ruefully recalling that the dinosaur as a species was comparatively successful, lasting rather longer than the unions have survived. "The dinosaur unions" were out to clip the General Secretary's wings.

# Charles McKean argues against the Tories' laisser-faire housing policy

# Why the home front is heading for collapse

Analysis of the physical state of the finances only 43.000 housing stock in England and Wales indicates that present policies on controlling capital expenditure and encouraging private ownership will leave the next government (of whatever persuasion) with little short of a major catastrophe - with a growing rate of mortgage failures, houses collapsing in the streets, and with people on housing waiting lists having no prospect of being rehoused in their lifetime.

These predictions are founded on the 1981 House Condition Survey of the Department of the Enviroonment, whose message is so alarming that one is surprised that it got past current Government policy of censoring sensitive documents. Its sensitive nature was, however, the cause of a six- month delay in publication, and very quiet release.

The house condition surveys are taken every five years and provide the yardstick of the rate of house improvement. The three measurements are: the number of houses actually unfit; those lacking one or more listed amenities (e.g. inside lavatory); and those requiring serious repairs (over £7,000 at 1981 prices). A decline in the number of unfit houses can imply either demolition and rebuilding, or rehabilitation. A decline in the other two categories is almost entirely explained by rehabilitation and housing improvement.

Between 1971 and 1976 the rate of improvement was quite glorious, clearly a legacy of the 1969 Housing Act with its largesse of improvement grants, with an average annual rate of 192,000 houses being demolished and replaced, or repaired. In the next five years, 1977-81, that rate of improvement dropped by more than three-quarters, to 43,000 a year, and there is little doubt that it is even

ower now. The situation now is that the Government, on the one hand, is paying for less improvement, and on the other that post-1919 houses are falling into serious disrepair at an accelerating rate. The number of houses requiring major repairs in 1981 was almost double that of

1971.
The DoE graphs imply that by 1991 the number of such houses could double to 24 million - even if the current rate of deterioration remained static. But the housing stock is not evenly divided. There are considerable quantities of interwar houses whose condition is likely to deteriorate all at once, which could cause a further rise in the graph. The Government currently

Jamaica, beset with crippling econ-omic problems, could face a

constitutional crisis after today's general election. The Caribbean island, which still adheres to the British parliamentary system it

inherited at independence in 1962, is

likely to become a de facto one-party

The political opportunism shown by the Prime Minister, Edward

Seaga, in calling the snap election.

buoyed by his popularity over his Grenada stand and with the opposition in disarray, is likely to rebound on him. And in the end, President Reagan's closest Carib-

pean ally could lose as much as he

may have seemed to have won.

The election is being held with two years to run in Mr Seaga's first

five-year term. The opposition People's National Party, led by the former Prime Minister, Michael Manley, is boycotting the polls as a protest against the government's alleged failure to implement promised the policy of the po

ised electoral reforms. (Seaga retorts

that the opposition party is broke, in

disarray and unable to fight).
When nominations closed on

November 29 for the 60 seats in the

House of Representatives, Seaga and

his Jamaica Labour Party had

already taken 54 "without ever going in the ring", in his own words, in six constituencies. Independents

are opposing the Labour Party, but

aimost none stands a serious chance.

With the result already a foregone

conclusion, there is now widespread

concern, and Seaga's critics are drawing an ironic parallel with his

support of the Grenada invasion, which was launched to restore

state when the votes are counted.

dwellings a year against a deterioration rate of more than 100,000 a year. That implies that by 1991, more than 1.800,000 houses will require significant repairs. The require significant repairs. The current rate of progress would take 46 years to clear the backlog.
Current Government policy is to

rely on self-help and home ownership. However, the House Condition Survey figures indicate that all is not well with the owner-occupied sector. It now leads the league in ownership of both unfit houses and houses requiring significant repair, taking top place from the private rented sector. This may be because local authorities are so hard-pressed that for much of the year they have to impose a freeze on improvement and repair of grants, but there are wider implications.

Those who can least afford a repairs bill of £7.000 are (apart from the elderly and unemployed) the first-time buyers. Yet, according to building society statistics, it is the first-time buyers who are mainly concentrated in the older, urban house whose repairs are becoming so

Even – as has been suggested by those seduced by US experiments – giving the houses to their occupiers would not solve the problem of the occupiers being unable to meet high repair bills. In American inner cities, there is some evidence that families ht in this trao simoly a

their houses and go to earth.

More than 100,000 of the dwellings requiring extensive repair are owned by local authorities or new towns; a high propostion of these must be in cities like Sheffield, which owns 95,000 council houses, almost 10,000 of which are in four gigantic, poorly-built, inter-war council estates. Several of those estates were built with a black mortar which corroded the wall ties; bulging gables, shoring and even collapse of houses represent the current state of repair. A further 15,000 inter-war houses in other estates are in the same unmoder-

nized decaying state. The city receives £26m for its housing investment programme, £8m of which is predetermined for private sector grants, leaving £16m to pay for all other housing functions, from management to minor repairs. That leaves about £14m for capital expenditure. The improvement of a house with no serious problems averages, in Sheffield, about £10,000. If the cost is significantly more, the house is

demolished and rebuilt, costing

walk-over

The issue dominates everything

from professional gatherings to radio talk shows. The Gleaner,

Jamaica's only morning newspaper, is full of costitutional debate in

columns, letters, and news stories.

The country's Governor-General, Sir Florizel Glasspole, has been quoted as using the description

The Jamaican Council of

Churches has asked the Prime

Minister to introduce electoral reforms immediately. It wants electoral rolls to be updated to bring

in up to 180,000 now disenfran-

chised voters, including there who

have reached the voting age of 18

since the 1980 election, and the introduction of identity cards to prevent fraud. Then, it says, Mr

aga should call another election.

scientists are searching the consti-

tution for ways to create a place for

an opposition. Mr Scaga is reported

to be considering naming opposition politicians to the Senate, an

Meanwhile, lawyers and political

"political crisis".

After Grenada, Seaga's

pyrrhic ....



Decay and dereliction, and it can only get worse

about £25,000 - for there is no point in propping up an unstable struc-

The ratio of improvement to new building is something like three quarters to one quarter. Now, assuming a standard 60-year life on these houses, the council should be repairing or replacing some 1,600 per annum: yet the cost of that would be £23m. The Government's allocation, however, is only £14m. At a recent conference a member of the city's architects' department said: "We shudder to think what another winter will do."

Sheffield Council cannot rely (even if it should) on the households to undertake such work since more than a third have no income earner.

The Government's view is that capital receipts from house sales would provide the necessary income in the current year some £12m. Sheffield points out that the 3,000 dwellings which have already been sold were the best and sales will now probably slump. In any case, house sales are an uneconomic way of raising capital; the average sale price is barely £11,000 - less than half the cost of a new home - and many are much cheaper. The council would have to sell several usable properties to raise the finance to construct a

These calculations are concerned, solely, with tackling Sheffield's existing housing stock, not expand-

appointed body-but there

certainty they would accept.

Manley's party has decided to hold monthly public forums in a

Kingston hotel to consider national

issues, and to appoint representa-

tives in local constituencies to keep in touch with local problems. He

rejects suggestions that this sounds like a government in internal exile.

campaign has become a battle of documents. Manley brandished solemn pledges of electoral reform

which he says were made by the government. Seaga took to rallies

what he describes as a secret report

from a conference of the opposition

party outlining its weaknesses. Both sides cite constitutional law and

Senga argues that the parliamen-

tary system allows him to call an election any time he chooses, and that it is the opposition that has

provoked the crisis. He says that his

course was necessary because the

opposition had brought his integrity

into question in reporting to the

historical precedent.

In the absence of candidates, the

ing it. Yet there are 35,000 households on the city council's waiting list. So current investment levels in Sheffield offer the unedify ing spectacle of houses collapsing in the street: of council tenants spending all their lives in unfit council property; and of people on the council waiting list ceasing to have any hope.

These alarming housing predic-

tions come at a time unemployment in the building industry is higher than in any other industry, when it is known that investment in the building industry can be a ingger for revival. The Government says there is no alternative to its low investment in housing. There is always an alternative. What is needed is a long-term housing investment pro-gramme which takes into account the annual rates of deterioration and tackles them. It should be financed over a five or 10-year period to allow the building industry to rebuild its skills and plant.

To do nothing, and let the growing house condition crisis become a problem for future governments, is the economics of the kindergarten, it will inevitably lead to demands for more massproduction houses to satisfy need. We shall be back to the 1960s. Can the Government really believe that it will be in power after the next election if it is laying in store so much trouble for itself?

Seaga: now the leader of a virtual one-party state, but his snap election could create tensions he will regret

Jamaican people on the status of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund, and in calling on him to resign as Finance Minister after a substantial devaluation of the Jamaican dollar. (In addition to finance, Seaga also holds the defence and cultural portfolios).

In a recent interview, Manley said he would be willing to fight another election "tomorrow" if reforms were carried out. His party would stand to gain most by the expansion of the electorate - it is popular among the young, many of whom continue to be unemployed despite Seaga's plethora of training programmes.

Manley, whose office is dominated by a portrait of Fidel Castro and who is portrayed by Seaga as a dangerous Cuban Trojan horse, clearly lost ground after the shortlived Grenada coup. But he is likely to gain from the present crisis and perhaps win the next election, which s expected within a year or two.

What concerns many Jamaicans is that prolonged political tension will interfere with the task of rebuilding an economy battered in the 1970s by high oil prices, the world recession and attempts by Manley's government to socialize the economic system. They also fear a resumption of the kind of political violence that left more than 100 people dead in the 1980 election

> Barbara Crossette (INew York Thmes News Service, 1923

# Questioning the conventional

Ronald Butt

The Government need not have worried about the public's response to The Day After. A MORI opinion poll has shown that CND support after the film was exactly the same as before - 30 per cent among those who saw the film, but only 26 per cent of the wider public. Most people seem to have felt, quite rightly, that they had learned little that was new from the film itself, either about the horror of nuclear war or the case for or against the

Yet the subsequent discussion on television raised real questions that ought to be discussed more clearly than they often are, and which were particularly illuminated by the former United States defence secretary Mr Robert McNamara.

The film had postulated a Russian invasion of western Europe, the escalation of the conflict, the firing of three tactical nuclear weapons and the final intercontinental exchange between the United States and the USSR. It is probably true to think, as Mr McNamara said, that if nuclear war was once started, at any level, it would escalate, If it began in Europe, it would almost certainly become intercontinental. There is, he said, no military use for nuclear weapons, except to deter

That, however raises the question at what point US or nuclear weapons might have to be called into the balance to deter the Russians from using theirs? How far ts it conceivable that nuclear weapons could be drawn back into more distant and less risky reserve, so to speak, by greater western reliance on conventional defence?

This summer, I heard Professor Irving Kristol, the distinguished right-wing American publicist, outlining in a lecture at the London School of Economics a fascinating case for changing the basic concept of the Atlantic alliance. The alliance, he armed was defined to had been he argued, was defunct. It had been he argued, was defunct. It had been based on the proposition that the US should keep troops in Europe not to fight (250,000 of them is too few for that) but to act as hostages and to engage the US with its nuclear potential, in the defence of Europe, It depended on the proposition that the Soviet Union attacked the US. if the Soviet Union attacked, the US president would ultimately press the nuclear button in Europe's defence. That theory served so long as the US had nuclear superiority, but it has collapsed with US-USSR parity. It is one thing (he argued) for the

US President to say from a position of nuclear superiority that he will send intercontinental ballistic mis-siles to destroy the Soviet Union if Europe is attacked. It is quite another to do so in the event of an attack on Europe if the result is the destruction of the US (as in the film) as well as of the Soviet Union.

Therefore, runs the Kristol argument, the president would not press that button, and the idea of relying on the bluff that he just possibly might is too risky a basis for foreign

Since the troops are not there to fight, and could not be defended, and the button will not be pressed. Professor Kristol argued that there will be increasing pressure in the US to withdraw them. Nor does he believe in the idea of graduated conventional weapons), which has some assurance that we shall keep it.

simply produced the "peace move-ment". The only sensible strategy, therefore is for the Europeans, sacrificing their welfare programmes to build up their own conventional forces so as to be able to win a wholly conventional war if attacked.

What is necessary in the struggle between West and East for a free or non-free world, he says, is a strongly armed Europe, able to carry the fight back to the Soviet Linion's frontiers. if attacked, with conventional forces only. It would be backed by a nuclear-armed United States ally which would have troops in Europe to fight, not simply as a symbol. It is an argument which coincides with much of what less provocative

figures are saying.

Thus Mr McNamara, though insisting that the United States would defend Europe, also empha-sized the danger of being driven to nuclear weapons and argued for conventional European forces. He too no longer believes that, with parity, a Nato nuclear threat could deter a conventional attack and does not think Nato is prepared for suicide. He wants a non-nuclear zone and a declaration of non-first use of nuclear weapons.

Yet there is, it seems to me, a basic flaw in the Kristol and (to the extent that he shares it) the McNamara thesis. Suppose the Russians were to attack Europe with conventional forces. Suppose by conventional forces the Europeans and Americans beat back the assault to the frontiers of castern Europe (Kristol is careful not to suggest penetrating the USSR itself in that event). Would the USSR in such circumstances allow itself to be defeated for lack of a nuclear response, however small? And however small, would it not

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escalate? The West having renounced the use of nuclear weapons in reply to a conventional attack, the Russians would be in exactly the same position as the West was in when its nuclear defence was its only protection against conventional weapons. By very reason of its "conventional" victory, the West itself would lay under the nuclear threat. Miss Joan Ruddock of CND insists that her organization is not pacifist and speaks of having greater. conventional defence. Neither she nor her colleagues say how they would have the West respond if the Russians, having failed in a conventional invasion, then threat ened the West with nuclear attack. But the answer is, presumably, surrender.

She does not believe that the Soviet Union seeks to invade us. Neither do I; it would be too dangerous because of nuclear weapons. But it would be hard for the Soviet Union, wishing to change Europe ideologically, not to push at a half-open door. The Day After was not particularly illuminating about the facts of nuclear war. But discussion about it can be very useful in helping us to clear our minds about our arrangements for defence.

It is not a subject that will go away, and the responses to this film are a valuable reminder that decisions must be made not by the emotion that blindly desires peace, spare Europeans the cost of more but by reason which alone can give

### John P. Harris

# A pastis master at deception

Clermont l'Hérault

I have recently been involved in a ruse to deceive the American public and earn a small fee as a model.

William, one of the local British exiles, is a professional photogra-pher. He teamed up with a nice young American journalist called Frannic, who was doing a series of articles on our picturesque peasantry and their quaint habits - the kind of thing that syndicates well in the

A particularly quaint habit in southern France is making one's own pastis, thus saving several pounds a bottle. Pasus is Pernod, Ricard and the like - the favourite greeny-yellow aniseed apenuf that turns cloudy when your pour iced water on it. Like all spirit aperitifs it is heavily taxed - more heavily than cognac or whisky, so that it costs almost as much as in Britain; vraiment, a shocking state of affairs.

To make it yourself at a tenth of the cost, you need anothol, colouring and alcohol. The alcohol is no problem, in small quantities. You can get 90° alcohol from French chemists, though theoretically they are not supposed to sell you more than a quarter of a litte at a time. It is perfectly drinkable if you break it down to half strength, and everyone makes his own liqueurs with it. What is illegal is the anethol, or oil of anis, simply because a bottle of home-made liqueur lasts a long time, whereas one gets through a bottle of pastis surprisingly quickly and the government does not want to be done out of its great chunk of

Half a teaspoonful of anethol. which can be bought legally in any country but France, is enough for a bottle of pastis. Just across the Spanish and Italian frontiers you can see the French buying little phials of a greenish fluid, essence de pastis, to be smuggled back home. For those who can't pop across a frontier, gypsies hawk the phials from door to door, at the bottom of an innocent-looking basket of lemons or garlic.

Frannie wanted a photo of a cute, anethol-selling gypsy girl. Alas! William found several candidates eager to carn an honest franc or two, but not, absolutely not, to be photographed in compromising attitudes as anothol-pushers.

for a big colour photo of a typical Midi peasant in his typical peasant interior, pouring the contents of a phial (prepared by William: peppermint syrup) into a litre bottle (of tapwater). They know, down in Minneapolis and Little Rock, what such characters ought to look like-Jour de Fête and Lu Femme du Houlanger are still going the rounds. of their cine-clubs. Unfortunately, today's peasants have flashy kitchens with computerized cookers, chromium-plated food-processors and fixtures and fittings from the Habitat branch in Montpellier. They use electric razors and read books on

slimming...
William and I did at last unearth a suitably seedy-looking retired commercial traveller living alone in reduced circumstances, and Francie said he would do at a pinch. But he too refused to be photographed en flagrunt delit.

Nevertheless, we managed. The vivaciously winking gypsy, coyly extracting phials from under her oranges, was an Anglo-Pakistani student from Montpellier University. The peasant kitchen, with cobwebs, granite sink and hand-whittled implements, was in a Sloane Ranger's summer cottage. And the crafty old peasant, looking an authentic extra from a Pagnol film, sporting a smock that went out of fashion at the Revolution, an unsavoury beret, a three-day-old beard and a Gauloise fag-end, fixing his supply of stage-pastis, was me.

It made a change from standing in for Colonel Bramble and Major Thompson.

could be the base. Remember that 100 cc of oil of anis, from the chemist, will make 50 to 60 litres of pastis. The colour can be got by macerating a few fennel or artemisia. leaves in the alcohol. Connoisseurs add a bit of liquorice root and 8 roasted coffee bean. Ready-made Pernod is better. Anyway, it ought to. be drunk well diluted, in the shade of the plane trees, while the cicadas

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are a century old across the Atlantic - and fortunately still saving life and

F. J. CURTIS, The Vicarage, Church Road, Claverdon, Warwick. November 24.

### Missing the bus

From Mr S. A. Watson

suspiciously empty.

Any such suspicion is well founded: a similar service runs past my front door. The bus that plies is long and broad and capacious: it

North Elmham.

TIMES PAST

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### THE FALLING POUND

For several weeks the pound has been falling toward \$1.40. It touched fresh depths again yesterday before closing in London at \$1.4170. There is an air of faint disbelief surrounding these events: we have a Conservative Government which believes in sound money and has successfully pursued policies designed to curb domestic inflation, keep the balance of payments in order and generally help foreign bankers sleep at nights. They also seem fraction ally unreal: the pound's latest fall from grace has not been reported under the once too familiar headline "Sterling Crisis." The counterpart of the pound's weakness is the strength of the American dollar and counterpart, so far, has been taken to be

In a gravely troubled world, the dollar is seen as the only safe haven. The American economy is booming and acting as a huge magnet for investment capital. US interest rates are remunerat ively high and because of the gorging demand for savings to cover the Federal Government's mammoth Budget deficit, they are not expected to fall. Against almost every expert prediction made in the last three years the dollar has risen. For fundamen-

tal reasons not yet properly exchange dealers expect sterling appreciated the world may now be back on the dollar standard it abandoned during the 1970s when the supply of dollars, not least because of the huge OPEC oil surpluses appeared far to

exceed the demand.

A cheaper pound is not an unmixed blessing. It is useful for exporters and generally good for profits, both desirable at this stage of our own still tentative economic recovery. But devaluation can cause problems. If it goes 100 far, domestic inflation may go up rather than down as higher raw material and other import costs feed through into the prices of finished goods. Were the pound's situation to deteriorate significantly, this could change from a distant anxiety to an immediate political

danger.
The problem would then be whether the Government should attempt to do anything to arrest sterling's decline. As long as all currencies were suffering from the dollar's resurgence, the temptation to act hardly existed. Until the last few days the pound, by and large, has held its ground against the rest. This may now be more difficult as pressures to reduce oil prices continue to mount. Foreign

to remain vulnerable to selling until the North Sea reference price is reduced in line with the lower prices in the spot market or the existing international oil price structure proves to be more durable than seems possible.

The practical options are limited. Intervention in the foreign exchange market, except to smooth out awkward wrinkles, would be futile as well as costly to the reserves. The flows of international capital are now too vast for any one Government or even several Governments acting in consort to divert. Higher interest rates would have to be considered but used only in, as a final resort, There would be no more certain way of smothering economic revival. The best course in fact is to do nothing. We have chosen to live in a world of floating exchange rates and not have an exchange rate policy, even if such a thing were possible. And we must not be surprised if the United States Government, especially in the run-up to a Presidential election, is not prepared to manage its own fiscal and monetary policies to suit our own and the European

### ALL ON THE RATES

support grant used to be one of the great annual feasts of politiinto the maw of local government in a bid to keep rate levies down. Yesterday's game was different. For one thing, the excitement was less. The event has now been superseded by the announcement, in July, of the government's ambitions for individual councils; then there is the November financial statement; and the scattershot pronouncements from the "maximalist" town halls about what they will spend and tax regardless of rate support grant movements. Yet the latest RSG announcement is important. It is the last to be couched in freedom before the sweeping powers contained in the rate-capping plan are presented to Parliament. It is significant because, perhaps for increases in April 1984 could the first time, ministers are genuinely ambiguous about the effect of the settlement on rates. High rate rises themselves are the main reason for the ratecapping legislation; high rate rises could concentrate the minds of Parliamentary doubters; high rate rises would cost the government itself less than the

The government presents the arithmetic as simple and in a sense so it is. With a grant total of £11.9 billion, representing 52 per cent of relevant council expenditure, average rate increases could be "low", as Mr Jenkin says, (A general pattern of rate increases about the level of inflation with some spectacularly high rises in London and the and under the cloak of confusion

propaganda team Mr Jenkin has

established to sell his message.

The settlement of the rate metropolitan areas would serve an educative purpose, to be sure.) But here is the rub. So cal economy, when ministers many concessions have been quite consciously pushed money made during the past two years made during the past two years on the aggregate of current council spending that the government's relative generosity

on the rate support grant could

pave the way for significant overspending again in 1984-85. There is no paradox here (and anyone interested in the finer points is strongly recommended to pick up a current copy of the estimable publication Public Money). At the same time as Mr Heseltine, Mr King and now Mr Jenkin have huffed and puffed over rates, the walls of revenue spending by councils have been built even higher: it increased in volume terms in 1983-84 by 1.2 per cent over the previous year, to be precise. The upshot is that a pattern of acceptable rate be accompanied by a wholly unacceptable excess of spending

years has not, as it is fashionable to say, lain in the intricate system it has devised of distributing grants to councils: any such system would be complex. The confusion has instead been fundamentally one of purpose. For three precious years under Mr Heseltine there was vacillation between changing the system of distributing money and controlling the total; since, and still, there is apparent confusion between controlling the rates levied by individual local authorities and managing the total of municipal outlays.

over plan.

the government has manifestly failed to probe the structures by which councils spend or - as councillors prefer to put it - "deliver services"; however, the Audit Commission is now showing good will to accomplish this task. Meanwhile little interest has been shown in unlacing those tight statutory corsets which require councils to spend money, not save it.

On the contrary, interest has been expressed in adding to the array of councils' activities. One of the noteworthy points made by Mr Jenkins yesterday was that certain areas of council spending would not be counted for the application of penalties for overspending in 1984-85. Disregarded are to be expenditures on inner city ventures, civil defence, and community care. In itself this adjustment by the government is only fair. But looked at in the round - and taken together with the significant rise in recent years in what are termed specific and The confusion in government supplementary grants by governpolicy towards councils in recent ments to councils - it points to yet another way in which the total of council spending pushes at the totals set in financial planning by the Treasury.

In his statement to the House yesterday Mr Jenkins broke a time-honoused convention of these winter announcements: he did not use the phrase "tough but fair." That is as it should be, because the settlement is in one sense much too fair. In another it is unfairly tough if it lends support to the government's project of pinning blame only on the ostentatiously high-spending councils for a general failure to meet financial targets.

# DANISH EYES ON ULSTER

One of the better studies of the partition of Ireland was written by a Dutch geographer. So whynot a Danish journalist turned Europolitician? And indeed Mr Niels Haagerup's report to and on behalf of the European Parliament is rather a good piece of work. Its inception was greeted by expressions of outrage from the Prime Minister and others who saw it her way. The European Parliament was held to be exceeding its competence, and it was assumed that an outside intervention from that quarter would be blundering and at the best unhelpful. The first objection was misconceived; the second has been falsified in the

Certainly the European Parliament is not competent to prescribe solutions for the problem of Northern Ireland or entertain proposals for constitutional change. Nor does it here. On the other hand as a Parliament it is entitled to follow budgetary expenditure wherever it leads.

Northern Ireland and the immediate region on both sides of the border receive special consideration in the agricultural and regional policies of the Community, extending also to social and industrial programmes. More than £400 million has passed though those channels in the past ten years. Not a large sum in comparison with transfers from Great Britain, but stil considerable and growing. This attention is welcome in the province. The or Commonwealth peacekeeping European Parliament is entitled to inform itself about the context to be made, must be within the in which these monies are spent; and it may, as the need for them becomes even more apparent, help to upgrade their priority put on ice in order to make way

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within the general expenditures of the Community. The report itself consists of

three parts. The first is a resolution to be tabled in the Parliament. There is nothing in it to which the British or Irish government should object (unless it be the suggestion that now is the time for Britain to join the European Monetary System). The resolution is careful to remain within the ground staked out as common by the operation of Anglo-Irish summitry. The longest section of the

report is an analysis of the political and economic forces that condemn the province to its violent and unstable condition. It is shrewd, historically fleshed and avoids the worst pitfalls. It lets the nationalists off too lightly in the distribution of blame for the failure of the new Northen Ireland statelet to reconcile its communities; and it does not do justice to the position of the British government in relation to the hunger strike of 1981. But all in all it would be safe to put the report in the hands of an innocent abroad, the purpose for which it was

written. The final section consists of Mr Haagerup's conclusions and comments. They are, he stresses, personal. The bones of his position are that a unitary Irish state cannot be brought about in the foreseeable future. A British withdrawal would not still the violence but rather intensify it to the proportions of civil war. One may forget about Community. United States, United Nations, forces. Political progress, if it is present constitutional framework. Ideally the aspiration and bogey of Irish unity should be

political system within Northern Ireland that the representatives of both communities are prepared to work. At this point Mr Haagerup reflects the influence of Dublin's New Ireland Forum which will soon be beginning to write its report: it is a necessary condition that the new political arrangements should provide legitimate and visible ex-pressions of the nationalist identity in the North far beyond what is the case today, including the establishment of joint British-Irish responsibility in a number of specified fields. The attempt to be construc-

for another attempt to devise a

tive about the course of Northern Ireland politics without doing violence to the facts is almost always self-refuting. So it is here. Mr Haagerup recognizes as a political factor of the utmost importance the opposition of one million Protestants to being made citizens of a united Ireland. It is opposition even to the point of civil war, and it is opposition that extends to any change in relationship which is clearly seen as preparatory to unification. He also sees that the political parties in the Republic cannot repudiate or even fall silent about their historic policy of Irish unity. Therefore they will not convince the Protestants of the North that the concessions demanded for the satisfaction of the nationalist identity which is cultivated by the Catholic minority in the province are not concessions devised for the purpose of advancing the policy of Irish unity in separation from Britain. Since these expressions of nationalist identity will fail in their purpose if unionist withold support from the political arrangements that exhibit them, that way too looks blocked.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Taking a risk on the Airbus From Mr Miles Copeland, sen

From Lord Beswick

Sir, It is unfortunate that Jock Bruce-Gardyne's article of December 7 seeks to discredit the A320 project without recognising essential

Of course national funding of aero-engine and aircraft projects in the old private-enterprise days was open to his criticism. Launch aid then was on a heads-we-win, tailsyou-lose basis as far as the private companies were concerned. The Concorde project was a cost-plus contract. It simply cannot be compared with the A320 proposal.

With nationalisation launch aid stopped completely for the aircraft industry, All BAe civil projects were financed from own resources.

If Jock Bruce-Gardyne was right and the A320 proposal meant a return to the Concorde-type contract then there would be something in his argument. If the present proposal provided for the refunding by way of levy on sales then the article might

be justified.
As I understand it, British Aerospace plc are seeking funds for the development, not the production, costs of the A320 and are prepared to undertake the refunding of that loan from company resource es, not from sales of that one aircraft. In other words, they are prepared to take a very considerable risk on the basis of their market iudement. In my view it is a judgment which

the Government should accept. Yours faithfully, FRANK BESWICK House of Lords. December 9.

### Grenada resignation

From Mr Anthony Rushford

Sir, Eugenia Charles, Prime Minister of Dominica, who was an ardent advocate of human rights when opposition leader at the constitutional conference in London leading to the independence of her country, has recently stated publicly that I should not have been sent to Grenada by the Commonwealth Secretary General, Sir Shridath Ramphal, to be the legal adviser to the Governor General of Grenada. Her statement was presumably prompted by my resignation on a point of principle as legal adviser to Sir Paul Scoon and as the member of the interim government of Grenada responsible for legal affairs on December 4. At the same time I had also placed my resignation from my appointment as Attorney General in the hands of Mr Nicholas Brathwaite, the acting chairman of the interim government.

As a result of my mission to Grenada, constitutional civil government was restored in that island on November 15, a fortnight after my arrival, and the independent constitution, suspended by Maurice Bishop on March 22, 1979, greatest extent possible at that date, including of course the chapter on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedom.

Yours sincerely, TONY RUSHFORD. Anchorage Hotel, Antigua.

December 13.

### A matter of title From the Rector and Vice-Provost of

the Royal College of Art. Sir, In the course of research for the exhibition "Albert his life and work", currently mounted at my college, I came across the Prince Consort's speech to the British Association for the Advancement of

Science given at Aberdeen in 1859. He told his audience: From amongst the political sciences it has been attempted in modern times to detach one which admits of being severed. from individual political opinions, and of from individual pointed opinions, and of being reduced to abstract laws derived from well authenticated facts. I mean Political Economy ... A new Association has recently been formed, imitating our perambulating habits, and striving to comprehend in its investigations and discussions. comprehend in its investigations and discussions over a still more extended range of subjects, in what is called "Social Science". These efforts deserve our warmest approbation and goodwill.

Who better to speak of Victorian values on this matter than Prince Albert? Thatcherologists may detect, in her Secretary of State's decision to omit the word "Science" from the title of that research council responsible for social studies, some incipient U-turn to another and less resolute approach. Yours faithfully,

LIONEL MARCH, Rector's Lodge, Royal College of Art, Jay Mews, SW7, December 13.

### Lines of beauty From Mr Charles Watkins

Sir, Mr Dean (December 9) is under a misapprehension when he calls for the revival of traditional tree avenues along the routes of suitable motorways.

Avenues of roadside trees, al-

though traditional in parts of Belgium and France, have never been traditional in this country. Occasionally, as in the case of the famous lime tree avenue at Clumber Park, Nottingham, a public road does run between regular rows of trees, but this is most unusual. Traditional roadside trees, whether planted or allowed to grow naturally, are normally unevenly spaced.

Avenues of trees along the routes of motorways may, as Mr Dean suggests, add beauty and dignity to the scene; they would also increase the monotony of motorway driving and help to ensure that motorways became even more prominent in the landscape than they are at present.

Yours faithfully. CHARLES WATKINS, The University of Nottingham, Senior Common Room, Hugh Stewart Hall, University Park, Nottingham. December 9.

### Promoting peace in interest of war

Sir, As an old cold warrior with 40 odd years' experience at waging, alternately, both war and peace, may I offer some comments on The Day After, the film shown on ITV yesterday evening to dramatize the

horrors of an atomic war.

Until recently, I have gone annually to Washington Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere to attend conferences of practising political scientists who were particularly concerned with various problems of conflict resolution, the central one being the causes and prevention of armed conflict. At these meetings it was simply assumed by all those present, including a Soviet representative who sat with us twice in Chicago, that the so-called "peace move-ment" has traditionally been an

instrument of war, never of peace, It first appeared in the China of 500 BC when the legendary "Sun Tzu" advanced the theory that victory in war depends less on one's own strengths than on the enemy's weaknesses, and prescribed means whereby to develop those weaknesses - among them probably the first "peace campaigns" in history.

The promotion of "peace movements" (on the other side, of course) was used effectively by Napoleon to soften up the Austrians, then later by the Germans in World Wars I and II, with the objective of keeping first Britain, then later the United States, out of the war.

German officers interviewed by SHAEF interrogators at Freising after VE Day were unanimous in their opinion that Hitler would have ended his conquest much earlier than be in fact did if only this century's most ardent advocate of the peace movement, Dr Goebbels, had not convinced him that his

efforts in promoting anti-war move-ments in Britain and America were more effective than they actually

The lesson is especially applicable now that the dangers emanate from the Soviet Union. Moscow's pre-"neo-Leninists" stated explicitly that Soviet victories will depend less on Soviet strengths than on the West's weaknesses.

By now, it must have occurred to the security services that the development of those weaknesses requires the services of the KGB only to a limited extent. The work will be done by well-meaning people operating under their own steam and for their own reasons. Lenin called such people "useful idiots." The KGB abets them only indirectly, with few, if any, of them being aware that they are doing the Soviets' job for them.

As for choice of scenario, only those Nato officials whose job it is to think in Nato terms believe that the Soviets will start with a head-on assault in Europe such as was suggested by the television film.

Instead, they are more likely to take western Europe out of the fray by the simple process of removing its major source of energy, the Persian Gulf. An oil-thirsty western Europe is likely to lose its enthusi-asm for defence against the Soviets once the Soviets have stepped in, as good neighbours, to offer access to their own resources as an alternative. More likely, they will rationalize themselves into believing that conquest and subjugation by the Soviets are bridges to be crossed when they come to them.

MILES COPELAND, Three The Green, Aston Rowant, December 11.

### House conveyancing

From the Chairman of the Bar Sir, In the current upsurge of debate over Mr Austin Mitchell's Bill, it seems pertinent to observe that as recently as 1979 the Royal Commission on Legal Services (the Benson commission), having deliberated upon the matter for three years, came to the conclusion, by a majority of two to one, that the public interest in England and Wales (whatever might be the position in Scotland) would best be served by retaining, for the time being at least, the present restrictions upon con-

veyancing for fee or reward. The interested reader is com-mended to chapter 21 of the report (Cmpd 7648) for 43 closely-reasoned pages in support of this conclusion. Nothing so far as I am aware, has occurred since then to invalidate that conclusion, which is still under consideration by Government.

The commission identified a need

further to improve and simplify the present law and procedure relating to the transfer of land, taking into account in so doing the multifarious associated problems of planning, family and tax law, and suggested that the Law Commission should undertake this task. Such simplification, when achieved, would be welcome and could only serve to reduce the time and expense currently involved in buying and selling land and houses. It is also disturbing that the

drafters of the House Buyers Bill have apparently not thought it necessary, despite the clear warnings contained in the Benson report, to

make any provision for education and training in the qualifications demanded of their new breed of "licensed conveyancer". Nor is there any proposal to ensure the maintenance of ethical standards, proper accounting procedures or of any central fund to provide against the consequences of a defaulting or dishonest practitioner, such as are part of the ordinary stock-in-trade of the solicitor.

It is surely premature, in the face of the royal commission's con-clusions, to consider any modifi-cation of the present restrictions on conveyancing in advance of and independently from a comprehensive review and reform of the whole system of land transfer, including problems relating to conveyancing. Such a review is surely a matter

for a full Law Commission study (taking into account all legitimate interests) followed by appropriate Government-sponsored legislation, rather than for a private member's Bill which, however well-inten-tioned, deals only piecemeal with a part of the overall picture.

Insofar as the proposals in the present Bill relating to conveyancing are intended to promote competition, then the recent relaxation of The Law Society's rules of conduct on advertising should go a long way to achieve this end, without the necessity for further legislation. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, MICHAEL WRIGHT, Chairman, The Senate of the Inns of Court and

the Bar 11 South Square, Gray's Inn. WCl. December 9.

### Children and the Pill From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for

Castle Point (Conservative)

Sir, The statement made by Dr John Havard, Secretary of the BMA, quoted in an article written by your Social Services Correspondent (December 2) on the subject of the issuing of contraceptive drugs and devices to children without their parents' consent cannot go without

Over 530 petitions have so far been presented to Parliament drawing attention to the views of the many hundreds of thousands of parents who are not only concerned but outraged at this practice.

They are calling in no uncertain terms for the Government to take action immediately to protect their children from both the medical and emotional harm which such drugs and devices may cause.

Dr Havard is reported as having

from issuing contraceptives to children then there would be a corresponding increase in the number of unwanted teenage pregnancies. He ought to know that it is an accepted fact that readily available contraception to the young has corresponded with a dramatic increase in the number of abortions performed on young girls.

There are two main reasons for

said that if doctors were prevented

this - namely that teenagers do not make good candidates for the regular self-administration of drugs and that freely available contraception leads to an increase in promiscuity amongst the young.

Ironically, Dr Havard's statement has coincided with the announce-ment that both the rates of abortion and illegitimate pregnancy have reached record levels in this country. Yours faithfully. BERNARD BRAINE, House of Commons. December 6.

become Prime Minister. Father

### Sir Oswald and Jews From Lord Steff of Brimpton

Sir, With reference to your article in The Times of Tuesday, December 13, "Sir Oswald and the Jews", my late father, Israel Sieff, was the co-founder in 1931 of PEP (Political

and Economic Planning). In 1932 Sir Oswald told father he wanted PEP, with whose work he was impressed, to put themselves at the disposal of his New Party and become what today we would call its think tank". He explained he was a political leader in a hurry and would

### Cremation fees From Mr David Cargill

Sir. The doctor's fee for a certificate

needed before a dead body is cremated (Family Money, December 3) is not £32, but £16. The total of £32 arises from the need for two separate certificates, one by the doctor who attended the deceased and one by another who is neither a partner nor a relative of the former.

When I qualified in 1938 the fees were one and two guineas respectively. Then as now there was no fee for the ordinary death certificate, which is all that is needed for burial. Yours etc, DAVID CARGILL

24 High Street, Maldon, December 7.

explained there was no possibility of this as PEP was non-political and its findings were available for all. (Its members stretched from Harold Macmillan to Walter Citrine, the left-wing head of the TUC). He continued, however, that PEP was available to give ideas to people who cared to make use of them, but reemphasised there was no question of PEP being an adviser to one political

party.
Sir Oswald said father was making a great mistake and that he would become Prime Minister. However, he would take advantage of the offer to have discussions with members of PEP. At this time there were no signs that Sir Oswald was antisemitic.

At a dinner subsequently at home Sir Oswald spoke very well to about 20 PEP members about his plans for the New Party. He then emphasised that a political party, in his view, must ultimately be based on emotion: "It needed a hate plank in its platform and in this case it should be the Jews".

If my memory serves me right, he continued: "Of course it doesn't apply to Jews like you, Israel". Father threw him out and never saw him again. This was before the

Nazi persecution of the Jews began. Yours faithfully, SIEFF OF BRIMPTON. Michael House, Baker Street, W.1 December 14,

# Parole as means of

From Professor J. E. Hall Williams

Sir, Your leader of December 3, in assessing the significance of the Home Secretary's initiative concern-ing certain life and long-term prisoners and announcing in advance how he proposes to use his statutory discretion to bar parole for certain categories of prisoner, recognises the new element which has now been introduced into the whole business, and even goes so far as to describe it as "a discrepant

It goes on to justify this departure in two respects. The policy concerning parole has always recognised that might be against the public interest to release persons convicted of certain crimes. Secondly the introduction of parole occurred at a time when faith in the so-called "treatment" model remained strong, but this has now faded, so that more room is found for concepts of

deterrence and retribution, Quite apart from the fact that parole provides evidence of the continuing success of the treatment" model, in that more people are kept from re-offending when released on parole than when they are released without it, may I draw attention to another consideration?
Research findings show that

parole works well for all categories of risk. High-risk prisoners do rather bener on parole than medium and low-risk prisoners, but all are less often reconvicted. Insofar as danger to the public is a consideration. parole reduces risk. Anyone who saw the recent

television documentary on sex offenders in Maidstone prison cannot fail to have been impressed with the need for such prisoners to be released with help and support such as a parole licence might provide. It seems hard to justify denying parole to such offenders in the last

stages of their sentence. Parole has indeed a part to play in safeguarding society, whatever one's views may be about the rehabilitative ideal. Yours faithfully, J. E. HALL WILLIAMS. The London School of Economics and Political Science,

### University of London, Houghton Street, WC2 December 12. Survival of the fittest

From Professor R. Y. Caine, FRS

Sir. Rugby is a game of speed, skill, excitement and courage - these are the reasons for its enormous and growing popularity. Sadly, thuggery has also become part of the game for a few individuals. Some of the incidents in the

recent England - All Blacks game were a travesty of the spirit of rugby, the England team entering the dressing room looked more like survivors of a bomb blast than a victorious international side, as one after another appeared with blook stained clothes and open wounds.

Deliberate fouls are usually penalized with a free kick as for an offside infringement, but instead of being tolerated and used by some players as a "calculated risk", dangerous fouling could be eliminated.

A deliberate kick or punch in the head should be likely to lead to a lost match. An automatic four-points penalty try and the offender sent off for the rest of the match would have a rapid beneficial effect.

I was told recently by an

international referee that if referees interpreted the rules in this way they would no longer be invited to officiate. Unless the rugby authorities decide to adopt such a policy the great game will sink in stature and enjoyment for players and speciators. Yours faithfully.

K. Y. CALNE. University of Cambridge Clinical School, Department of Surgery, Level 9. Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge. December 7.

### Paddington derailment

From the Rev John Curtis Sir. One can perhaps imagine a

Swindon-trained railwayman leaving your correspondent (November 24) with the impression that the "buck-eye" coupling system is new. However, no fan of the London and North Eastern Railway could allow such a false record to pass unremarked. Sir Nigel Gresley used them

Carriage and Wagon Superin-tendent, E. F. Howlden, introduced the Gould Centre complex to the East Coast main line in 1889. Perhaps there were earlier examples in Britain. Certainly they

Yours faithfully,

Sir, Readers of your Friday back page article, "Deserted village mourns vanishing bus" (December 9) may have noticed that the "vanishing bus" pictured looked

sometimes carries a passenger. Yours faithfully, S. A. WATSON

The Paddock, Dereham, Norfolk. December 9.

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After unveiling a commemorative

Passmore Edwards Museum in-terpretative Centre and Nature

Reserve at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, East Ham (Curator, Mr L G. Robertson; Team Vicar, the

Her Majesty opened and toured

Her Majesty was received on arrival by the Vice-Chairman of

Motability (Mr Jeffrey Sterling) and the Governor of Motability (Sir

Lady Susan Hussey, Sir William Heselupe, and Ligutenant-Colonel

Blair Stewart-Wilson were in

attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron

and Trustee, this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's

His Koyal rightess autosequenty attended a Supper given by the Margaret Pyke Memorial Trust (Chairman, Sir Douglas Black) at the Commonwealth Institute, Ken-

sington High Street, W8.

The Duke of Edinburgh later left

The engagement is announced between Alex, son of Mrs Susan Clive and the late R. C. Clive, of Newent, Gloucestershire, and Jenny, daughter of Sir Peter Hall, of Chelsea, London, and Mme Leslie

The engagement is announced

between Christopher Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Andrews, of Cheltenham, Glouces-

tershire, and Virginia Carole, younger daughter of Mr James

The engagement is announced between David Cory, of Bluetts, Peterston-Super-Ely, Glamogan, and Diana Cordy-Simpson, of Little Orchard, Mill Lane, Beckington.

Mr R. St. B. Laughton and Miss E. V. W. Swan The engagment is announced between Roger, son of Professor B.

K. B. Laughton, of Kingston, Ontario, and Mrs M. O. Laughton,

of Barnes, and Emma, daughter of Dr and Mrs G. F. W. Swan, of

The engagement is announced

between Andrew Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Slater, of Borth,

Dyfed, and Agnes Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Muirhead, of Tunbridge Wells,

The infant son of Mr and Mrs John Cordle was christened Howard Peter Carl Gustas in Salisbury

Cathedral on Sunday, December 11

by the Dean of Salisbury, the Very

Rev Sydney Evans, assisted by Canon Dudley Hodges. The god-parents are the Rev Dr William

Hogan (for whom Lord Teynham stood proxy), Mr Anthony Benton-Bohannon, Mr Rupert Cordle, Dr

Peter Siebenbergen. Mrs James Macgregor. Mrs Martin Davies, Miss Marina Cordle, and Miss

Mr A. P. Slater and Miss A. E. Muirhead

Christening

on, MBE, and Mrs Thomp-

**Forthcoming** 

Caron, of Paris, France,

and Miss V. C. Thompson

son, of Ash, Somerset

Mr D. Cory and Mrs J. R. Cordy-Simpson

marriages

and Miss J. Hall

Kenneth Cork).

Reverend J. Fellows).

East Ham.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

Scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, found that plants normally vulnerable to temperatures only two degrees centigrade below freezing could survive 10 degrees of frost if all the

Lientenant-Commander Andrew KENSINGTON PALACE

December 14: The Queen this morning opened Newham General Hospital, Plaistow. on arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs P Having been received by the Mayor of Newham (Councillor H. T. Philpott) and the Chairman of Sitwell) and the President, Arab Women's Emergency Relief Fund (Madame Sawsan Almanqour). the District Health Authority (Lady Sherman). Her Majesty unveiled a

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in The Prince Andrew this evening attended the charity première of the Wards,
The Queen later opened St
Bartholomew's Church and Centre. attended the charity premiere of the film Never Say Never Again, in aid of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, the Bowles Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and the Variety Club of Great Britain, at the Warner Theatre, Leicester Square.

Wing Commander Adam Wise After unveiling a commemorative plaque, Her Majesty, escorted by the Team Rector, Parish of East Ham (the Reverend Stephen Lowe), toured the Cherch and Centre and visited the Springboard Housing Association flat complex.

Afterwards The Queen visited the Description of Majorith Majorith Inc.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given at The

London Library.

Lady Angela Oswald and Sir

Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 14: The Prince and Princess of Wales this morning visited the exhibition, Albert, His Life and Work, at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, SW7, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Major, Pavid Brombard agent in the Centre, escorted by the Charman of the Museum Governors (Councillor J. J. Haggerty).
Lady Susan Hussey, Mr. Robert Fellowes, and Licutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in

Major David Bromhead were in attendance.

The President of the Lebanese Republic visited The Queen at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.

The Queen, Chief Patron, this evening attended a Gala Concert arranged by Motability at St James's attendance.

Their Royal Highnesses, Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, this afternoon visited old age pensioners

in the Manor of Kennington. Mr John Higgs was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE December 14: The Princess Margavisited Cardiff and was received on arrival at Cardiff-Wales Airport by Her Majesry's Lieutenant for South

Glamorgan (Mrs Susan Williams). Her Royal Highness, as President

of Barnardo's, this afternoon visited the Day Centre at Ely, West Cardiff, and the Barnardo's Office in Newport Road.
The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a gala performance of Humpiy Dumpiy held at the New Theatre, Cardiff in aid of Barnardo's.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Countess Alexander of Tunis and Major The Lord Napier and

The engagement is announced between James, third son of Mr P. A.

Thorne, MC, and Mrs Thorne, of Canterbury, and Helen, second daughter of Mrs J. R. Goddard and the late Mr G. C. Goddard, of

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Edward Harold, son of Mr and Mrs K. W. Wolkey, of Washington, United States, and Laura Jayne, daughter

of Mr and Mrs Don Pallas, of 7 Conway Street, London, W1.

The engagement is announced between John William, eldest son

of Mr and Mrs J. S. Woodhouse, of

Lancing College, Sussex, and Alison Louise, younger daughter of

Dr and Mrs D. B. Kerr, Willaston,

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 10th, 1983 at

Bilton, Rugby, between Mr Stephen Blackney, of Melbourne, Australia, and Miss Sally Walter, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Walter, of

The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 14, in London between Mr Keith Turner,

younger son of the late Mr Frederick Turner and of Mrs Eva Turner, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, and Ms Penelope Clark, eldest daughter of Mr Martin Corke and of the late

Mrs Jean Corke, of Gt Weinethn Suffolk.

Archdeacon to be

Bishop of Bradford

The Ven Robert Kerr William-son, Archdeacon of Nottingham since 1978, is to be the next Bishop

Barby, Northamptonshire.

Mr K. M. Turner and Ms P. A. A. Clark

Mr J. Thorne

Mr E. H. Wolkey

and Miss L. J. Pallas

and Miss A. L. Kerr

Wirral, Cheshire.

Marriages

Mr S. T. Blackney and Miss F. S. Walter

and Miss H. R. Goddard

Wynn, RN, was in attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark
Phillips, President of the Save the
Children Fund, this evening service, A Christman Story, pre-

attended the Arab Gala Dinner at the Savoy Hotel.

Her Royal Highness was received Parish Church of St Peter, Oundle. Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton

was in attendance. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 14: The Duke of Keut,
Chairman of the United Kingdom
Committee of European Music Year

1985, this morning took the chair at a Committee Meeting at the Arts Council, 105. Piccadilly, London, W1. The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-InChief of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon
Guards, this morning received
Lieutenant-Colonel P. A. M.
Gilruth on his assuming command
of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon
Guards and Colonel C. T. J. Wright
on his relinquishing the appoint-

Her Royal Highness this afternoon received Commander Forbes-Robertson, RN, following the paying-off of HMS Kent earlier this

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 14: Princess Alexandra presented the 1983 Woman's Own Children of Courage Awards in Westminster Abbey this morning.

lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.
Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Light Infantry, this afternoon received Major-General B. M. Lane, Colonel of the Regiment, and Commanding Offic-ers Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. Barker ers Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. Barker (7th Battalion), Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Brown (6th Battalion), Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. S. Kaye (2nd Battalion), and Lieutenant-Colonel R. D. Vellacott (5th Battalion),

The Duchess of Kent will attend the annual Standard drama awards

ceremony at the Savoy Hotel on January 24.

A memorial service for Sir Tom Hickinbotham will be held today at 11.30 in the Chapel of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral.

at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guild A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr F. C. D. Parkinson will be held at St Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, December 19, at noon.

Latest appointments

atest appointments include: The

Duke of Wellington to be President of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Vice-Admiral Sir High Mackenzie to be

vice-president, Mr David Clarke, chairman, Sir Ernest Woodroofe,

Dr R. L. Bell to be Director General

of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, Ministry of

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, from March 1984.

Mr Michael Brown to be Head-master of St Anne's School, Windermere, in September, 1984, in succession to Mr Michael Jenkins.

Mr Charles Peter Morton Davidson and Mr Ronald Trevor Moss to be

Dr Roy Holmes, reader in mechanical engineering at Sussex University, has been appointed to a chair in mechanical engineering

Professor Hilary Williams, pro-

litan Stipendiary Magis

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Liverpool

trates in January.

University news

from September 1, 1984.

A memorial service for Sir John and Lady Fisher will be held today at 11

Luncheons Prime Minist

The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon given yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Shaikh Amin Gemayel, President of the

By Geraldine Norman

The British Library announced

written and illuminated in

England and in superb condition. It has bought it from the

Duke of Rutland for an

undisclosed sum, believed to be

the lack of interest from British

institutions in the Henry the

Lion Gospels for which the

German Government paid £8.1m at Sotheby's last week.

When the Gospels came up for

sale the British Library was in

the last stages of a long negotiation for the acquisition

of an exceptionally beautiful

manuscript, closely associated with British artistic and social

. The Duke of Rutland said

yesterday that most of the proceeds would go into a maintenance fund for his home.

Belvoir Castle, "We have many

valuable objects here in the castle, he said. "But they do

not earn any money. This manuscript was really too

precious to put on view, so we decided to sell."

advantages available for a sale to a British institution were so

substantial that he had not

thought of selling it elsewhere. Moreover, his father had been a

keen antiquarian and trustee of

the British Museum, "This was

very much in my mind in

deciding it should go to the British Library". Sir Frederick Dainton, chair-

man of the British Library Board, described the manu-

script yesterday as the crown of

the library's collection.
The library did not disclose

how much it had been able to

find towards the purchase from

its own funds, but acknowl-

The duke said that the tax

traditions.

The purchase helps to explain

between £1.5m and £2m.

Lebanese Republic. The other guests were:
The Lebanese Ambassador, Mr Paronis Jahre. Colonel Muhammad Al-Khelil, Mr Michael Lessidae, MP, Mr Richard Loc., MP, Mr H D A C Miss, Sir Anthony Parwons, and Mr John Coles.

Sir Geoffiey Howe, QC. Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yesterday at

a luncheon given at Lancaster House in honour of the High Commissioner for Australia and Mid Atlantic Club Sir Peter Marshall was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon arranged by the Mid Atlantic Club of London at the English-Speaking

Lauchtime Comment Club
Mr. Enoch Powell, MP, was the
guest speaker at a luncheon of the
Lunchtime Comment Club held
yesterday, Mr. Basil. Evans, chair-

Union yesterday. Sir John Peel was

Conservative Foreign and Common-wealth Council Mr Ian Grist, MP, Chairman of the West African Committee, presided at a luncheon given in the House of Commons yesterday in honour of Mr Makohn Rifkind, Minister of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs.

fessor of management science, Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the chair of oper-ational research in the faculty of mathematical Studies, from April 1, **Dinners** Signera Cagiati
Princess Alexandra and the Hon
Angus Ogilvy attended a dinner
given in their honour last night by
the Italian Ambassador and Signora
Cagiati at the Italian Embassy.
Other guests included:
The Belgiam Ambassador and Mine Vaes.

Grants

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H A Halliwell for research on lesser doppler
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Mr A. S. Hibberd

A memorial service for Mr A. Stuart

Hibberd was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. Mr Tollef

Berg, former director, TV News, NRK, Norway, and Mr John Snagge, formerly head of presentation, BBC Radio, read the lessons and an address was given by the Rev

Elsie Chamberlain, formerly pro-ducer, "Silver Lining". The BBC Singers also took part. Among those

Mr R Carr A service of thanksgiving for the life

of Mr Robert Carr was held at Holy Trinity, Brompton on Tuesday, December 13. The Rev John Collins officiated. Mr Robert McGill read the lesson and Sir Denis Forman

gave an address. Among those

Law Society
The President of the Law Society,
Mr Christopher Hewetson, the vicepresident, and the council held a

£50,000 by the National Art-

Collections fund, and £3,000 by the Friends of the National

page miniatures richly embel-lished with gold leaf, ornamen-

The manuscript has six full-

Libraries.

Over £1.5m paid for

the Rutland Psalter

The British Library announced yesterday the acquisition of a thirteenth-century psalter, written, and illuminated in

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dinner yesterday at the society hall. The guests included.

Alpine Club

The Alpine Club's annual dinner was held on Saturday December 10, 1983, at the Kensington Close Hotel. Lord Chorley, president, presided and the chief guest was Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet

English-Speaking Union Mr Warren Zimmermann, Deputy Colef of Mission, American Em

bassy, Moscow, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner arranged by the English-Speaking Union at Dartmouth House last night, Sir Philip Adams, Chairman of the ESU Current Affairs Committee, presided and Mr Alar Lee Williams, ESU director-general proposed a vote of thanks.

Company of Tin Plate Workers alies Wire Workers The Christmas court dinner of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers was held last night at Trinity House. Master, Mr D A Kempner, presided and the other speakers were the guest of bonour, Mr David Sumberg, MP, and Mr E

Service dinner

9th/12th Royal Lancers
The annual dinner of officers of the
9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of
Wales's) took place at the Cavalry
and Guards Club yesterday. The
Colonel of the Regiment, MajorGeneral J. M. Brockbank, presided. Reception

Franco-British Parliamentary Relations Committee
Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, Chairman,
was host last night at a reception
given by the Franco-British Parliamentary Relations Committee in the House of Commons in honour of the French Ambassador and Mme Emmanuel de Margerie.

### 1825 onwards, but it is not known how it arrived there.

Ewart-Biggs prize for historian Mr John Bowman, an historian and broadcaster, has won the seventh Christopher Ewart-Biggs memorial prize for his book, De Valera and the Ulster Question 1917-1973,

The £1,500 prize, presented by Seamus Heaney, the poet, in Belfast last night is swartled annually to last night, is awarded annually to the author who has helped understanding between Britain and

# Research award for

'Times' columnists Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser have won the 1983 Lilly Medical Journalism Research Award for their Medical Briefing column in The Times.

Olivia Timbs, who is Editor of Mediconomics, and Lorraine

Medeconomics, and Lorraine Fraser, who is Science Editor of General Practioner, write jointly on alternate Fridays in The Times.

Birthdays today

Mr David Abell, 41; Lord Acton, 76; Sir Denis Barnes, 69; Mr Michael Bogdanov, 45; Lord Croham, 66; hypochlorite, he was seconded for research in that area, and Hardman, 78; General Sir Frank Kitson, 57; Dr Una Kroll, 58; Sir worked in Oxford and New-castle. Eugene Melville, 72: Mr Oscar Niemeyer, 76; Miss Edna O'Brien, 47; Viscount Trenchard, 60.

# Latest wills

Mrs Letitia Mary Bretherton, of Godalming, Surrey, left estate valued £175,226 net. After other bequests she left the residue to the Royal National Lifeboot Institution. Mr Anthony Thomas Hillier, of Twyford. Berks, who died intestate, left estate valued at £742,112 net. Other estates include (net before

tax paid):
Broom Smith, Mr Christopher, of
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
£558,245

Austell, Cornwall £328,159
Smith, Mr Henry Lawless, solicitor,
of Pendle, Lancashire £222,679

A lively marginal illustration from the Rutiand Psalter edged the contribution of tal initials, and charming £400,000 by the National marginal illustrations. Heritage Memorial Fund, It is not known where or for whom the manuscript was made, but at this date it is likely to be the product of a secular workshop. It is recorded in the

teered for the RAF. Shot down over Holland on an early Rutland family collection from

bomber sortie he spent five vears as a prisoner of war. With the end of hostilities he returned to racing - a trainer

distant days.

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major classics.

Notable racehorse trainer Mr Marcus Marsh, the Early in 1946, however, racehorse trainer, died on Charlie Smirke, the jockey, persuaded the Irish owners of a December 12 at the age of 79. horse named The Bug to send He will always be associated with two great horses. Windsor their mount to Marsh at Lad and Tulyar which both won Newmarket, saying there was the Derby and many other more prize money to be won this side of the Irish Sea. The A son of Richard Marsh, Bug proved to be the season's

MR MARCUS MARSH

trainer for King Edward VII champion sprinter and his new and King George, V he learned trainer was once again in the his profession first with his limelight. Four years later, Marsh father at Newmarket and then moved into Fitzroy House at at Beckhampton under his uncle Fred Darling one of the Newmarket with a three year Turf's most successful trainers. contract from the Aga Khan In the winter of 1928 Captain who sent him 35 horses and a number of his best yearings. Dick Gooch, who trained at Within a few months be won West Ilsey, was serrously inthe 1950 Two Thousand Guijured in the hunting field, and Marsh was invited to take neas for his new patron with charge of the stable. In 1929 he Palestine and in 1952 he finished top of the trainers' list was granted a licence and a year in which Tulyar won the became England's youngest amer.

Derby, the St Leger, the Eclipse
He was barely 30, and the and the King George VI and youngest trainer ever to saddle a Queen Elizabeth Stakes Smirke Derby winner, when Windsor

shared in all-these triumphs and the friendship between trainer Lad carried the Maharaja of and this brilliant, mercural Raipipla's colours to victory at Epsom in 1934. The horse was jockey lasted throughout their subsequently bought by Martin Benson, a well known book-It was a cruel blow when that same autumn Tulyar was sold without Marsh's knowledge to maker, but he remained with Marsh's Lambourn Stable for the Irish National Stud for £250,000. A worse set back followed in 1954 when the Aga

which he later won the St Leger. the Coronation Cup and the Eclipse Stakes.
This champion was always a Khan suddenly announced his special favourite with his trainer whose fine judgment in withdrawai from the British buying him for 1.300 guineas at the Newmarket Yearling Sales Prince Aly, who loved a gamble on his horses irrespective of their ments, must at

in winning stake money, a considerable sum in those now times have sorely tried his trainer's patience; and he, too, a year later suddenly removed those he had at Newmarket. This run of success was

interrupted by the outbreak of At the end of 1964 Marsh war for which Marsh volun-

retired after more than 30 years as a trainer. His first marriage to Eileen Bennett, the Wimbledon tenns player, was broken by the way and in 1947 he married Wends Crossman, to whom he owed

### his social and business life

without owners, horses or even much in the smooth running in

**MR JOHN BUNYAN** Mr John Bunyan, who died in London on December 3, was a dentist who became interested in the treatment of burns and who invented the Bunyan Bag. These bags were used to enclose a part of the body which had been burned or wounded, and a development of them was used

by the Royal Navy in the Falklands campaign last year. Bunyan was born in 1907, the on of an officer of the Royal Marines. He qualified as a dentist at Guy's Hospital, in London, in 1931. He developed an interest in the treatment of gum disease, for which he made innovative use of sodium hypochlorite, and extended the

principle to other types of

injury. When the Second World War broke out he was called up to serve as a dentist in the Royal Navy, but because of his interest in burns and other kinds of wound, which he had found he could treat with

castie. make a bag out of a rubber tube, with which he enclosed the wounded part, and to irrigate the wound with a solution of sodium hypochlorite. The outstanding characteristics of this method were the control of infection and the free and painless movement it allowed the patient, which led to rapid healing.

Early in the war, however, he took the process further when

with which to cover numer limbs. The first ones were made from silk impregnated with flexible bakelite, and they were eventually issued to air and tank crews, as well as to the Navy. They did much to give protection from the effects of

burns, and became known as Bunyan Bags.
After the war was over Bunyan set up a dental practice in the West End of London. His bag method was largely superseded by the advent and general use of antibiotics, but he continued his research. In 1956 he was awarded the Leverhulme research fellowship at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington; and from 1969 to 1975 he was visiting professor at the University of

Galveston, where he found support for his work. Bunyan was a man of great originality and enthusiasm, who travelled to many parts of the world to collect and impart information. As the limitations of antibiotics in the ineatment of burns and wounds became His original method was to healing properties of the hypomake a bag out of a rubber tube, the highest carried out over 40

exas Medical Branch in

He retired from dentistry in 1973, but continued his work at his private laboratory at his home in Walmer, in Keni, and on frequent visits to the United Bunyan was a Fellow of the

Royal Institution, and a member of several medical societies From 1958 to 1960 he was president of the Royal Microshe began cooperation with copical Society. His wife died in William Stannard, an industri- 1969, and he is survived by alist, in the making an isolator their three children. copical Society. His wife died in

### MISS NORAH BLANEY Miss Norah Blaney, the revues during the early twenties

Besides the renowned partnership with Gwen Farrar, that in music hall and revue kept its special flavour and zest, she appeared in music-drama, pantomime, opera, and even Shakespeare and Greek tragedy. A Londoner, daughter of an oboist with Sir Henry Wood. she was designed for a classical career. Winning scholarships and gold medals at the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music (of

which this year she was made a Fellow), she gave recitals as an she met Gwen Farrar; on returning there began the partnership "about a piano", an

act with herself as pianist, the cellist, and a constant flow of roads) and radio. After four years on the halls,

they were in various London her.

MR ROBERT MENDL

actress, who died on December also in New York and - with 7 aged 90, had been one of the the Ziegfeld Follies - at Palm theatre's most versatile figures. Beach, Norah Blaney's quality of pathos served her in such a testing part as Huguette in The lagabond King (Winter Garden, London, 1927). She was back in revue with Farrar in 1930 and at the Palladium in

1932 they made their vaudeville

Norah Blaney was a guest on various occasions, between 1936 and 1940, with the Carl Rosa Opera Company. She returned to the stage as Maud in Noel Coward's Waiting in the Wings (Duke of York's, 1960), which brought back several celebrated players: two years accomplished young pianist.

During the First World War,

During the First World War,

later she was Mistress Overdone with a Lena Ashwell concert and First Witch at Stratfordparty in France and Belgium, upon-Avon. At Hampstead she met Gwen Farrar; on Theatre (1965) she played the returning there began the Nurse in James Roose-Evans's production of Hippolytus.

She was also much in amusingly nonchalant Farrar as television (six months in Cross-

She was twice married. Her second husband predeceased

A correspondent writes: Robert Mendl, who died on peare (1964). December 9, at the age of 91, was the younger son of Sir S. F. Mendl, KBE and, like his father and only son now a circuit udge, was educated at Harrow, University College, Oxford, and creative mind, and the complex called to the Bar by the Inner

Temple. Apart from service in both

wrote Revelation in Shakes-

In his later writings Mendl showed himself to be increasingly concerned with the influence of religious faith on the interaction of man and artist

within the human personality. Mendl rarely allowed his World Wars, he spent most of deep convictions to obtrude in his working life in the pet- his personal relations, but roleum industry; but he will modestly practised the Chrisperhaps chiefly be remembered for the many articles he contributed to musical journals, and as the author of six books writer of verse and teller of modestly practised the Chrisperhaps of the contributed to musical journals, and as the author of six books on musical aesthetics including stories which gave infinite an early book on jazz. The amusement to his family and Appeal of Jazz (1927). He also friends.

# since 1978, is to be the next Bishop of Bradford. Mr Williamson, who will be aged 51 on Sunday, succeeds the Right Rev Geoffrey Paul, who died in July. The youngest of 14 children, he was brought up in Belfast, where his father, a Protestant, worked in the shipyards. His mother was a Roman Catholic. The archdeacon is married with five children.

# Protecting plants from frost

Science report

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent A new strain of bacteria,

produced by genetic engineering, may protect plants against frost damage. If so, the world's fruit and vegetable growers could save many millions of The simplest approach to agricultural frost protection might be to kill off all Pseudomonas in the crops, and pounds worth of crops that are some American researchers now lost when the temperature are trying to do so by spraying fields with a virus that attacks falls below freezing. Experiments in the United

> But the Berkeley group believes that a better method would be to spray crops with an altered strain of Pseudomo-nas that does not make the icenucleating protein. This would protect the plants by crowding out the damaging natural

The Californian scientists have identified the bacterial gene responsible for the icegene responsible for the ke-nucleating protein and have removed it, using the usual techniques of genetic engineer-ing. Their new strain protects plants against freezing in the laboratory, and they wanted to

Pseudomonas bacteria were test it this autumn in the open air on a potato field.

trepreneurs hope to exploit the ice-making potential of unplan to produce better artificial snow for ski resorts that do not have enough of the real thing, by adding dried bacteria to the water in the snow-making

However opposition from environmentalists, who fear that the release of genetically engineered bacteria could have dangerous consequences, has forced the University of California to postpone the test until the spring. The scientists believe that there is no risk. They point out that mutations occur constantly in the wild; indeed there is a natural strain of Pseudomonas that does not cause ice-nucleation. But gen-etic engineering would be required to produce bacteria in

sufficient quantities for com-mercial application.

Meanwhile, American en-



and Mr John Snagge, the broadcaster, leaving the memorial service for Mr Stuart Hibberd at All Souls, Langham Place, yesterday. (Photograph: John Voos).



Mr L. K. Robinson A memorial service for Mr Lionel Robinson was held at St George's Hanover Square, yesterday. The Rev W. M. Atkins officiated,

read the lesson and Sir William Recs-Mogg gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Robinson (widow), Mr and Mrs Christoher Boogan, Mr and Mrs Received Coop and Mr and Mrs Harry Receives tsons-in law and daughters), Mr and Mrs George Grover tstepson-in-law and wiepdaughters. Mr Stron Boogan, Mr Toby Pripps, And Mr Charles Receives (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Philips Robinson (brother and sister-lin-law); Mr and Mrs Francis Enasyon. Mr and Mrs Charles Bhanjon.

Lord John Kert, Lady Rees-Mogg, Str. Charles Bhanjon, Mrs & R A Hobson, Mrs.

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**Investors** 

stay away

The equity market can for shelter yesterday as most of the activity in the City continued to

centre on the money market where the pound was again

Turnover almost dried up to a

trickle and this was reflected in

the FT Index which having been

appear in no rush to open new positions and the market is

Market report, page 16

having a bad time.

Index:95.34 up 0.01

Hongkong: Hang Index 874.76 up 11.95

Index 1016.3 up 0.6

Index 9,401.17

New York: Dow Jones Average: 1252.34 down 3.54

Tokyo: Nikkel Dow Jones

Amsterdam: 155.4 down 1.3

Sydney: AO Index 754.5 up

Frankfurtz Commerzbank

Brussels: General Index

133.58 up 0.77 Paris: CAC index 151.2 down 0.7

Zurich: SKA General 307.60

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Bulmers, the cider maker, reported half-time profits up 27 per cent from £7.23m to £9.17m. But shares fell 23p to 248p when Mr Esmond Bulmer. chairman, said growth in the second half was unlikely to match the first half.
British Telecom said the Government will relieve it of a

£1.25 billion pension deficit, dating back to 1969, when the corporation is privatized next year. The Government's proposal, tabled in a legislative amendment, means the pension liability will remain with a residual nationalized portion of the telecommunications indus-

 Westland increased its profits from £23.9m to £26.1m last year on a turnover up from £284m to £326m. The dividend has been increased from 7.5p to

Investors' Notebook, page 17. • Gulf Oil is looking at the economics of acquiring Superior Oil but has not made any decisions Mr James Lee, chair-man told securities analysts light, setting the scene for a prolonged bid battle. Hepworth

# THEX

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY **Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

# Casino merger game spins to a standstill

The Monopolies Commission has, much as expected, turned down the Pleasurama Trident merger on the grounds that the threats it would pose to competition in London's casino land are against the public interest. Yesterday's decision, which has been accepted by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, takes both companies and the third party in this tangled affair. Grand Metropolitan, back to square one, as far as the gaming business in London is concerned.

The commission's verdict was not a majority: one - there was one dissenting voice on the six-man team - but the majority clearly came down on the side of the Gaming Board, which opposed the merger, and against Pleasurama and Trident, whose £55m agreed deal to merge was first announced last March.

The stated reasons for the decision are that the merger would increase concentration of ownership in London's casino business to an unwelcome degree, and would also make it even harder for new entrants to join what is already a highly regulated business. On the face of it, this was a curious finding since the merger itself would, on the commission's figures, have produced a company with five out of London's 19 casinos but only 23 per cent of the "drop" or money staked. (This awesome sum reached £894m in London in the last year).

This is where Grand Met - which controls six casinos and 44 per cent of the drop - comes into the picture. The whole key to the commission's verdict is its acceptance of the argument that Pleasurama would effectively allow it to exercise undue influence over the new merged company, thereby obtaining control over two-thirds of the capital's casino business, The fact that GrandMet itself pressed this argument on the commission arguing that

brokers and stockjobbers may begin

competing with the American banks dealing internationally in overseas

A final debate on the draft rules is likely

on Tuesday, after which a period of

consultation will be needed. Proposed is

the ability for brokers and jobbers to join

forces in international dealing

Part of the promise made by Sir Nicholas Goodison, the Stock Exchange

chairman, to Mr Cecil Parkinson, former

Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

was that the exchange would look much

jobber unions are of paramount import-

ance. This is the first example of what will

effectively be dual capacity with brokers

and jobbers allowed to give net prices,

deal with anyone, but charge no

and an agent in Britain has hitherto been

restricted to Eurobond and financial

Rules covering these international dealerships may well prove a basis for

other changes as the exchange moves

The ability to act both as a principal

The basis of these untested broker/.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

**EuroRoute** 

'ahead' in

channel link

project to provide a rail-road channel link, claimed a signifi-

cant lead over rival schemes

yesterday with the announce-ment of the formation of a joint

French company to promote the

concept. Alsthom-Atlantique.

the state-owned shipbuilding

company, the Grands Travaux de Marseille, one of France's

largest private sector construc-

tion groups, have joined forces

in Britain, EuroRoute has been promoted for the last two

years by a consortium compris-

ing British Shipbuilders, the British Steel Corporation, Tra-falgar House, Fairclough Con-

struction, John Howard and Raymond International (USA)

with Lazard Brothers as finan-

cial advisers.

EnroRoute, the Anglo-French

more internationally.

it would be against the public interest if it was able to extend its influence in this way is only one of the more bizatre twists in

this whole exercise.

As well as its 29.9 per cent interest in Pleasurama. GrandMet also runs two casinos, the Ritz and Cassanova, with Pleasurama as its junior partner. Relations between the two companies have not been easy recently, but GrandMet's chairman. Mr Stanley Grinstead, will clearly be happy with the outcome.

The Gaming Board does not like GrandMet keeping its stake in Pleasurama but, the Monopolies Commission says it is up to the companies to sort things out between them. This puts the onus firmly on Pleasurama: the verdict clearly means it cannot expand its casino interests any more until GrandMet's influence has been

As for Trident, whose unhappy affairs have been in the headlines again recently, it was expecting the verdict. After the abortive management buyout of its safari and film interests and their subsequent sale to a private company announced last week, the company, whose shares were up 2p yesterday, continues to look like one looking for a bidder, although this was denied last night by Mr David Hudd, its new managing director.

The commission's one dissenting member, Mr N L Salmon, doubted whether GrandMet would be able to influence Pleasurama and the new merged company as much as his colleagues argued. He also believes the barrier to new entrants would not have been anything like as high as the commission makes out. In any case, Mr Salmon argues, the merger would not be against the public interest, even if GrandMet's influence is allowed. His reasons are that the casino business is excessively regulated, involves comparatively few people, and is not subject to normal conditions of competition.

The exchange has already taken the first

steps towards abolition of set com-

missions by introducing negotiated rates

on overseas securities dealing.

Broadly, the new rules will insist that international dealerships will be confined.

exclusively to overseas stocks, will be a

limited corporate member of the

exchange, under the control of member

firms with a majority of stock exchange

49.99 per cent of the dealerships and it one

is formed as a subsidiary the exchange is

likely to insist that the parent firm's entire

international business be placed in it. The

dealerships will have no London trading

dealerships will spell out that customers

are not covered by the Stock Exchange's

the fund introduces a much broader

question. At times when other self-

regulated markets are falling over them-

selves to follow in the exchange's footsteps

by setting up such a fund, it would seem

odd not to insist on such a fund

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Just who is and who is not covered by

Outsiders will be able to own up to

# Allianz and BAT up stakes in tit-for-tat takeover battle

West German insurance group, and BAT Industries, the British tobacco and retailing empire, raised their record-breaking takeover bids for Eagle Star yesterday.

But the moves were seen in the stock market as mere sorties in the battle for control which is not expected to reach its climax until next week.

Allianz was first to act. Complying with Takenver Panel rules that it must meet a promise to top BAT's £914m bid, it raised the ante margin-ally to £917m - 665p a share at 9.30 am. Ninety minutes later, BAT was back again with a £934m bid worth 675p a was immediately

by the Eagle Star board of directors which has persistently backed BAT as the preferred suitor and spurned the attempts of the West German company to win agreed takeover terms. Eagle Star shares, apparently oblivious to the day's developments, continued to trade on the stock market at prices

recommended to shareholders

Both Allianz Versicherungs, substantially greater than the latest offers. The price closed just 2p lower at 717p in the belief that the bidding will not end until a value of £1 billion - worth 724p a share - is reached. Allianz made clear that it was still to decide what level of bid it should make. It said it was well advanced in its full review

> committed to pursuing the takeover bid in spite of BAT's offer and it urged Eagle Star shareholders not to sell their shares in the stock market.

The significance of this statement was not lost on dealers who said it indicated a willingness by Allianz to pay more than 717p a share.

of this. A decision would be

Allianz said that it was still

made next week.

The Takeover Panel is also said to be taking a keen interest in this statent, made immediately after BAT raised its offer since it could be taken as an indication of intentions.
The seriousness of Allianz's

expect any marked change until

Unit wage costs in industry rose slightly from 3.6 per cent to

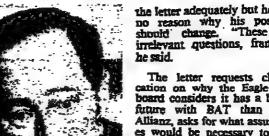
4.2 per cent in the latest three

months. Average earnings have

failen by only I percentage point since this time last year,

despite the much sharper fall in

the early spring.



Sir Denis Mountain: "Irrelevant questions."

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£3000m syndicated loan was being arranged on its behalf.

Allianz again wrote to Sir Denis Mountain yesterday requesting further information. Failure to provide this could deprive shareholders of the best possible price for their shares, it

fight for control appeared to be underlined in the City where a he had not had time to study

irrelevant questions, frankly,

1.5 down, closed 0.5 up at 751.1. With Christmas near investors The letter requests clarifi-cation on why the Eagle Star board considers it has a better future with BAT than with Allianz, asks for what assurances would be necessary to win approval from the Eagle Star board and on what basis a higher offer from Allianz would draw a recommendation from the Eagle Star board. It also requests information on busi-

Mr George Magan, a director of Morgan Grenfell, Allianz's merchant bank adviser, said he found it surprising that BAT had not already asked or the kind of information that Allianz was requesting. "These are straightforward questions about the business," he said.

This drew a firm rebuttal their business, we will mind ours," be said.

# Home loans cash still flowing in

Savings continued to flow into the building societies last month, enabling them to keep lending at near-record levels and further build their reserves.
However, with demand for mortgages still strong, there is no sign of an early cut in the mortgage rate from 11.25 per

Net receipts last month of £870m were below the record of £987m reached the previous month.But the receipts were still the best for a November and the societies also raised a further £249m net by issuing bonds and certificates of deposit

in the City.

Normally, savings deposits decline in the run-up to Christmas, but the attractive interest rates offered by the building societies has belped to keep the money coming in and net receipts have topped £800m in each of the last three months. The societies have stil con-

solidated their liquidity although mortgage lending by them was the second highest on record last month at £1,710m, and a further £1,836m was promised to homebuyers. Their liquidity ratio, down as low as 17.1 per cent in June, has now risen to a comfortable 19.5 per But Mr Richard Weir, sec-

retary-general of the Building Societies Association hinted vesterday that the societies could not afford to lower their interest rates.

It was likely, be said, that lending records would soon be broken and added: "Morigage demand remains strong for the time of year and, in order to meet this demand, societies will continue to need the high level Uncertainties over the pound

and domestic interest rates may discourage the building societies from considering an early move on the mortgage rate,

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

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INTEREST RATES

Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 91/4 Discount market loans week fixed 874 3 month interbank 99/4-97/4

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 105/16-107/16 3 month DM 512-614 3 month Fr F13-1394-1314

Fed funds 92/8 Treasury long bond 995/82

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme Average reference rate for interest period 0 November 2 to 0 December 6, 1983 inclusive: 9.350 per cent.

London fixed (per ounce): am \$390.00 pm \$389.00 close \$388.00-388.75 (£273.75-274.25) New York latest: \$388.25

Krugerrand\* (per coin): \$400.00-401.50 (£282.00-Sovereigns\* (new): \$91.00-92.00 (£64.25-65.00)

\*Excludes VAT

### Average earnings are still to 1.25 per cent of the earnings that the recovery is beginning to running ahead of the rate of increase in manufacturing in-inflation, and are being boosted dustry and 0.75 per cent of the not a particularly agnificant general increase.

short-time working.
Figures published yesterday
by the Department of Employment show that average earnings grew at an underlying rate
of 7.75 per cent in the year to
October. This compares with
the latest inflation figure of 5

The effi per cent, but is unchanged from the previous two months'

time working accounted for up

**Objection** 

by Britoil

to shipyard

takeover

From Our Correspondent

Glasgow

troubled Scott Lithgow yard on the lower Clyde, which would

involve a temporary takeover by its main customer, Britoil, was described as "unaccept-able" by the oil company

Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mr Graham Day, British

Shipbuilders' chairman, are expected to discuss the scheme

But in a terse statement, Britoil said: This is not an option which is under consider-

Britoil is believed to be only

days away from cancelling its order for a £86m oil rig, which is only a quarter finished, at the

yard. The rig is already two years behind schedule.

Britoil says the only option it

would consider are renegotia

tion of the contract, or cancel

lation with the order beions

reassigned to a Japanese or

South Korean yard.
However, Mr Day has al-ready ruled out renegotiation, claiming that British Ship-

builders cannot afford any

further penalty payments above the £6.5m it already owes

The scheme, believed to be

under consideration by the

Scottish Office, would require

Britoil to activate a bankruptcy

protection clause in the existing

It would allow Britoil to

complete the rig with its own workforce at the Scott Lithgow

contracts.

vesterday.

Mr Georg

in London today.

A scheme to save part of the

guide, however, to the overall The amount of overtime worked in October, 11.72 million hours a week, is up sharply and is the highest since earnings trend since only about 5 per cent of settlements are reached in the month, The department does not

Short-time working is the lowest since October 1979. The effect of these extra payments is to put an upward pressure on earnings at a time when the Government and



Ian Posgate: deprived of his livelihood

be sent to "names" (members) affected by the affair. Lloyd's is keen to restrict its circulation to avoid legal problems.

Mr Posgate has already said he considers the report defama-tory to himself but has been advised that the rules of qualified privilege" make successful legal action unlikely. The report is understood to concentrate on alleged violations of exchange controls and Inland Revenue legislation.

If any of the five who figure in the report are charged by Lloyd's, their cases will be heard by the disciplinary committee which can either drop the case or take punitive measures which include expul-sion. Apppeals against punish-ments can be made to a tribunal

ment of Trade and Industry. taken on whether the report will chaired by Lord Wilberforce.

# Profits soar at S & N

eries once again bucked the downward trend of the brewery sector seporting bumper interim profits with an optimistic forecast that the full year results

opportunity of falling interest rates - borrowings and fiscal expenses were cut £2.3m - to maintain capital expenditure on expanding canned beer sales and its expansion into hotels. The mild weather has helped Cancellation by Britoil would beer sales, canned beers particumean closure for the yard, larly although draught sales

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Half-year to 31.10.83 Pretax profit £31.6m (£22.5m) Stated earnings 7.7p (4.8p) Turnover £348m (£319.4m) Net interim dividend 1.73p (1.5p) Share price 99p Yield 6.9

Thistle Hotels, with a 90 per

cent jump in profitability, made the most impressive showing. Among the wine and spirits division progress was much slower, particularly scotch whisky sales.

were static, while the tied publid houses also made pro-

WALL STREET

### Dow slips after rally fails

New York, yesterday Dow Jones stocks were retreating over a widening area after the

Average was down more than 3 points to below 1,253. The fransportation Average was down more than 4 points to about 600. Trading activity was moderate. General Electric was down 1

at 57 / Exxon down 1/2 at 38,

4 Union Camp 82 down 1/2 Sanders Associates 50 down 1/4 Southern Pacific 39/4 down 1/4 Santa Fe Industries 30% down 1, Honeywell 134/4 down 1/4.

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# Wages outstrip inflation By Jenathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

nflation, and are being boosted ov more overtime and less

earnings figures.
The department calculates that extra hours in the form of overtime and reduced short-

industry is hoping to reduce

Both figures apply to manu-facturing industry and indicate the rate of inflation.

# Posgate suspended for six more months By Jonathan Clare

Mr Ian Posgate, whose

business acumen as an underwriter once earned him the nickname "Goldfinger", has been suspended by Lloyd's of London again.

The new suspension is for six months and will run from Boxing Day, when an earlier suspension was due to expire. The suspensions are what Lloyd's terms "administrative" rather than punitive and are to give the Lloyd's investigations committee more time to consider the conclusions of the inquiry into the Alexander Howden affair.

The investigations committee is expected to decide whether disciplinary charges should be brought against Mr Pospate and four former directors of How-den early in the New Year. Mr Pospate' did not give vidence personally at yester-

day's sub-committee meeting, but written representations from his solicitors were considered A Lloyd's spokesman said: "We know we are depriving him of his livelihood, so this decision was not taken lightly."

Mr Pospate is said to have carned £700,000 a year before his suspension. But the spokesman nnable to confirm that copies of the report into the Howden affair, said to run to 500 pages,

No decision has yet been

By Wayne Lintott Scottish & Newcastle Brew-

site. Although the scheme would reduce the number of workers at the yard from 4,200 to 800, it is believed that a successful completion would leave the yard ripe for privatizashould show further progress.

The company is taking the The scheme has also met

with hostility from the unions and the local Labour MP, Dr Norman Godman. He said: "It is unacceptable for the yard to close or for its workforce to be run down.

arrears, right across the board. to comply with maturity dates within the critical 90-day period." Cancellation by Britoil would

gations have centred on the

dominant market positions of

the two groups in refractories -

heat-resistant bricks used main-

Steetley has argued alrongly

that there should be no further

concentration of ownership in

the industry. Since the early

1970s, about 60 per cent of the

industry's capacity has been

closed or mothballed in the face

steel producers. The industry

Mr Peter Goodall, chairman

of Heoworth, argues that

refractories need to devote

substantial money to research

of declining demand from Brish

now relies heavily on exports.

ly in steel-making.

# Latin American division, and deputy chairman of the 14-bank

advisory committee on Brazil returned to London yesterday from a Middle East loan-raising tour with Brazil's planning minister, Senhor Antonio Del-He said: "I do not consider it

and, with more than 200 small banks still withholding promises, the 10 days of documentation processing could not be finished in time.

argument.
The US banks fear that, if the loan is not made by December 31, Brazil will not be able to

towards the US at their expense

# Brazil loan this year

revered compensation fund.

only a month ago.

Today is the deadline for banks to commit themselves

meet outstanding interest payments on old loans within 90 days.

by any means inconceivable

# Banks' delay rules out

ber 31 - a date seen as essential

Rules for a trading union

The Stock Exchange has got down to towards dual capacity at home, a move tackling the fine detail of how stock-

commission system.

members on the board.

floor presence.

could start an international

- and are refusing to bail out the Americans with help on a

### There is now no hope that the state package, less than \$6.5 billion new money loan for \$300m short of its target, to continue into the New Year. But the most important British banker involved in the Brazilian negotiations said yesterday that he believed that an

Failure to meet the deadline

Banks elsewhere fear that Brazil may direct payments

Commission is putting the

finishing touches to its report

on Hepworth Ceramic's £115m

bid for Steetley, the Notting-hamshire building materials

and plant engineering group,

two months ahead of schedule.

The Commission was granted

a three-month extension in

October taking the deadline for

The report is now expected to

be finished by Christmas and

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

could decide early in the New Year whether to allow the bid to

City is that the Commission will give Hepworth the green

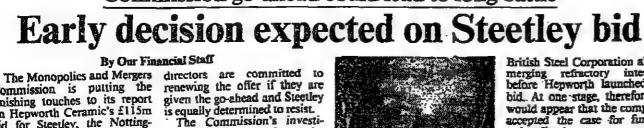
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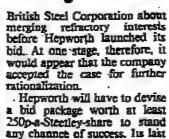
important dispute would be avoided.

### that Brazil will be able to reduce bridging loan that would allow Commission go-ahead could lead to long battle



and development to be viable in stockbroking firm, is forecasting the future. Greater concen- that Steetley will make £20m in tration will produce this. Steetley's case may have been

Peter Goodall: Cash needed



bid of ten of its shares for every

seven Steetley shares was worth

only 183p. Since then however,

both Hepworth and Steetley have reported big jumps in halfyear pretax profits.
Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee, the

pretax profits for the year, rising to £28m in 1984, against £9.4m severely damaged by the so-far-last time. Hepworth is expected undisclosed revelation that it to make £32m against £24.6m was in talks with Hepworth and in 1982.

failure of an early rally effort. The Dow Jones Industrial

General Motors down 1/21 731, International Business Machines up 1/4 to 122 1/4, Westinghouse down 1/2 at 54 1/2, and Union Carbide up 1/2 at Bristol-Myers was 41 /2 down

expected to drift gently lower until the New Year. STOCK EXCHANGES FT index: 751.1 up 0.5 FT Offits: 82,30 down 0.13 FT All Share: 463.21 down Bargains: 19,982 Datastream USM Leader

from Lazard Brothers director, Mr Tom Manners, who is advising BAT. "If they'll mind

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Abbey National have a haven for roll-up

New taxation laws seem certain to make offshore "roll-up" funds a lot less attractive from January 1st. Now's the time to consider the Beats banks, markets, finance houses.

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the day on a bitter note yesterday tumbling 7p to 373p as a large chunk of shares changed hands and sent a shudder of apprehension

shudder of apprehension through Mr Cube's boardroom. Broker Hoare Govett arranged a put through of 2.75 sition of UDS Group for £260m 267p last night.

Million shares, around 4 per earlier this ear, Hanson recently Bid speculation continued to cent of the equity, at the 370p level. Word is the shares, worth £10.1m, were part of a stake built up by Lord Hanson's, Hanson Trust, which is presently sitting on more than £400m

in cash. The shares may have been sold to one buyer.

Mr James Forbes, finance director at Tate & Lyle, said he was aware of the transaction and understood the seller to be one of the group's nominee shareholders. Asked if he knew

the mystery buyer Mr Forbes replied. "It takes a few days to find these things out. We will be looking at the share register".

Hanson has never admitted to owning any shares in T & L.

The declarable level is 5 per cent. Mr Matin Taylor, a director at Hanson, said; "We never comment on this sort of

# Bitter pill for Mr Cube

MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 12. Dealings end, Dec 29. Contango Day, Dec 30. Settlement Day, Jan 9.

Mr Richard Troughton, chair-man of Castle (GB), told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that orders from the recent Interbuild exhibition had exceeded 14m. Analysts have passed their slide rules over the group and reckon it could result in pretax profits of £1.7m in the present year against £1.2m last year helped by a first time contribution from the bathroom side. On an actual tax charge it puts the shares on a P/E of 11½. Placed at 80p; unchanged on last night's close, the shares are looking cheap.

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act as the only spur for interest in the rest of the equity market in the run up to Christmas. The FT Index having been 1.5 lower earlier in the day closed with a net gain of 0.5 at 751.1.

On the foriegn exchange the pound continued to plumb new depths on increased fears of depths on increased lears of imminent cut in the North Sea oil price — a suggestion vehemently denied by BNOC. But in Rotterdam the spot oil price continued to fall below the official price level. The pound ended the day 25 points down at a second low against the dollar of \$1 4170. dollar of \$1.4170.

Gilts joined in the shakeout with falls of up to 50p at the longer end in nervous trade, but bought a 9.4 per cent stake in managed to close below their London Brick, and is thought to worst levels of the day as a few be poised to make another bargains hunters appeared on

Among blue chips BOC Group, the industrial gases group, made star billing with a leap of 13p to a new high of 277p helped by renewed de-

Broker Grieveson Grant has recently paid a visit to Marks & earlier expectation that the lower costs and reducing its group is set fair for a bumper Christmas leadingpretax profits markets. of £275m in the present year.

But Grieveson is now confident a stock market flotation for that M &S can maintain its 15 per cent growth rate and may newspaper publishers with a growth for the provide £375m in direct stake in the interestical

the group's troubled US operation and reported signs of a

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strong performer racing 16p to a new high of 308p in a thin market following several buy recommendations produced this week. Broker de Zoete & Bevan is looking for full year pretax profits of £70m in the present year against £52m last time and nearer £76m next year. de Zoote is impressed with MB's attempts at reducing costs

Broker Henderson Crosth waite takes a similar view and says the group is new benefit Spencer which has confirmed its ling from a two year haul of lower costs and reducing its

even he worth £325m in direct stake in the international 1984/85. The shares eased lp to 217p.

When the worth £325m in direct stake in the international newsagency. Fleet Holdings, owner of the Daily Express, Daily Star and Sunday Express. York A group of City analysts
recently returned from a trip to

Liverpool Daily Post 1p to 185p.

he group's troubled US operation and reported signs of a benefit from the increase stake taken by Peachfield spurting Metal Box was another 10p to 110p.

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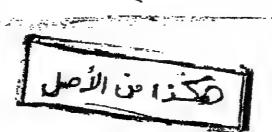
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APPOINTMENTS

# INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK Northern serves up successful recipe

Pretax profit £204,000 (£159,000) Stated earnings 2.95p (2.34p) Turnover £2.2m (£1.8m) Net interim dividend None (same) Mr Nicholas Horsley, chair-man of Northern Foods, is right to feel more than usually Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £33,000 (£58,000) pleased with the yearly profits of his pork pies to dairy products and biscuits group.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Thermal Scientific

Half-year to 30.9.83

Turnover £9.3m (£8.5m)

Net dividend None (same)

Pretax profit £660.000 (£3 9m)

Stated earnings 1.8p (5.7p) Turnover £102.4m (£109.5m) Net final dividend 0.75p (1.25p)

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Investments Half-year to 30.9.83-Pretax profit £13,000 (£11,000)

Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax loss £27,000 (£106,000) Turnover £778,000 (£803,000)

Centreway Trust

T Cowie

Net interim dividend None (same)

Three months to 30,6.83
Pretax profit £87,000 (loss £20,000)
Turnover £6.5m (£6m)

Y Cowie
Year to 30.9.83
Pratax profit £1.1m (£1m)
Stated earnings 7.87p (5.34p)
Turnover £194.7m (£93.3m)

Year to 31.8.83 Pretax profit £901,000 (£695,000) Stated earnings 16.4p (6.98p) Turnover £3.7m (£3m) Net linal dividend 2.2p

Net dividend 2p (same)

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Three months to 38.6.83 Pretax profit-£133,000 (nil)

Turnover £5.9m (£5.6m) Net Interim dividend 0.6p (nil)

Turnover 244,000 (244,000)

Stated earnings 1.4p Turnover £1.5m (£1.4m) Net interm dividend 1p (same In the 12 months to the end of September, they rose 21 per Moorgate Investment Trust cent at the pretax level from Half-year to 30.11.83 Attributable profit (£198,000) £41.2m to £50.1m. In the £223,000 second half, the performance was even better with a rise of 28 Stated earnings 4 78p (4.26p) Net interim dividend 3.25p (2.75p)

per cent. Given the problems faced by the group's Bluebird ment Spencer Lark Metal industries Year to 30.9.83
Protax loss £161.000 (£875,000)
Stated loss per share 3.2
(17.53p) products offshoot in the United States, and the uncertainties overhanging the dairy business in Britain, this is a particularly creditable performance.

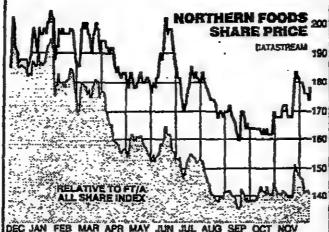
The outstanding feature of the results was the profits of Pork Farms, the pies and sausages subsidiary. These rose by about 60 per cent. Pork Farms now claims to

sell more pork pies than any other company in Britain, despite the fact that its product is up market than most of the competition.

its extremely rapid growth is being helped by buoyant Marks and Spencer food sales. M&S, which include dairy and bakery products, is rising at an even laster rate. With the retailing chain now

accounting for a substantial proportion of the group's British sales and a much larger proportion of profits, it comes as no surprise to learn that most capital spending this year is being devoted to extending the production facilities for Marks and Spencer.

The group is having a good Christmas and is confident of the longer term future. Key-stone in the US, which made a full 12-month contribution for the first time to last year's flying again with modifications



to have put the problems of Bluebird behind it, though not

without substantial cost.
About £9.4m has been charged below the line for Bluebird rationalization, this has involved closing the smoked meat plants in Chicago and Philadelphia, which means the company will be less exposed to the sometimes violent fluctuations in the US meat trading markets.

Finally the group is probably justified in feeling better adapted than most of its competitors, to the substantial changes that are about to sweep the milk trade in Britain as its organization is brought into line wih EEC methods. At 178p, up 4p yesterday, the shares yield 5.2 per cent and

look cheap against the sector.

### Westland

Westland's only type of civil helicopter, the W30, should be

the lucrative US market.
Lord Aldington, the chairman, said yesterday that no orders for the W30 had been lost because of the grounding of the aircraft but there had been no orders since. The Indian Government has

expressed an interest in buying 27 W30s, an order worth about £50m. Westland still hopes to win the order. A previous order from the Indian Navy for the Sea King, said to be worth up to £200m, was largely responsible for a big increase in the value of the order book at the end of last

It increased from £385m to £513m and includes some big British Government orders, after the Falklands conflict.

Helicopter sales last year rose and margins were also improved, which helped to increase Westland's profits from £23.9m to £26.1m, less than the market had expected.

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Research costs increased by £6m to almost £19m largely on further development of the York plant and concentrating

not relate to the US accident the market contraction, caused which is covered by insurance. Borrowings at the year end

were £4.5m, a reduction of the costs of rationalization have £18m: £7.5m of the reduction been absorbed in the past fiscal came from July's debenture year. issue, with the balance from the position cash flow during the

Borrowings are virtually nonexistent. Westland no longer spits down the results between its helicopter and hovercraft divisions: the hovercraft side was profitable on spares sales, but the development of the new low-technology AP 188 hovere-rat, for which there are high hopes, incurred expensive de-

velopment costs. Sales of helicopters this year are unlikely to show much improvement, but margins should be much stronger after some heavy capital expenditure.

This and the good order book, underpins the increase in the total dividend from 7.5p to 8.25p. The yield, with the shares down 5p at 140p, is 8.4 per cent.

### Redfearn **National Glass**

The latest losses from the glass container manufacturer Redfearn National Glass were no surprise but were bad enough to knock the share price down 10p to a yearly low of 73p. The reduction in retained profit totalled £9.1m against £152.000 the year before on a

£63.4m. The gamble is whether rationalization has gone deep enough. Redfearn is closing its

turnover down from £66m to

W30.

Further provisions have been 1.650 jobs. 650 go. The made for this year, but they do company said that the worst of by foreign imports and plastic packaging, has taken place and the costs of rationalization have

> But it has no idea whether the growth in its plastic packaging division will ever be large

> enough to compensate for the glass downturn. Financially, Redfearn must be precarrously close to depen-dence on bank support.

What few omens there are offer only a glimmer of hope. An 8 per cent price increase has been held - the last one was not - and what are termed premium products are still being placed in bottles under a litre in size. Redfearns principal customers, like Allied Breweries and Beecham — which holds the North East Coca Cola franchise — are remaining loyal, for

obvious competetive reason, enabling the group to maintain its 17 per cent market share. Mr John Pratt, chirman, sure the full extent of reationli-zation is complete and that the

lean and efficient remainder is strong enough to be competi-That, regrettably, does no tmean an early return to profitability or for that matter

dividend payments, apart from the obligatory 0.1p final. Mr Pratt refused even to contemplate any kind of projection for the present year.

What does provide some prop for the shares is the potential of a takeover bid. Given that the deadwood has been cut away, the remaining assets and trading could begin to lood like a cheap buy.

### New chief at bankers association

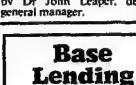
British Bankers' Association: Mr R J Dent. a managing director of Baring Brothers & Co., becomes chairman of the executive committee from January 1. He succeeds Mr D G Barber, a general manager with the Midland Bank, Mr M H R Thompson, assistant chief general manager. Lloyds Bank. takes over from Mr Dent as deputy chairman of the com-

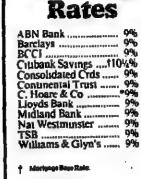
mittee. W. H. Smith Do It All: Mr R N Thomas has been appointed managing director.

The Union Discount Company of London: Mr Simon J St F Dare becomes secretary and accountant, from January 1. Mr Patrick Shepherd, present company secretary, retires on December 31. Mr Dare will succeed Mr Shepherd as honorary secretary of the London Discount Market Association. Vanbrugh Life: Mr Michael Nevill, Mr Ken Mills and Mr Peter Higgins have been made

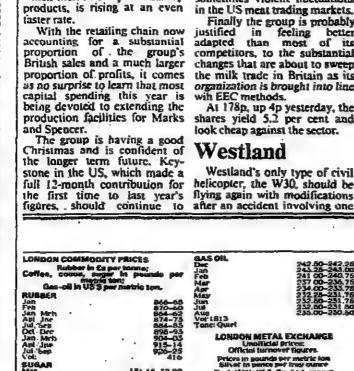
assistant general managers, Mr. Nevill heads the sales division. Mr Mills the sales support division and Mr Higgins the administration division. Standard Chartered Asia formerly known as Chartered Credit (Hong Kong): Mr W C L Brown, the group's area general manager in Hongkong, has been

appointed chairman and Mr J R Valdinger, managing director. The National Mutual Life Association of Australusia: Mr Raiph Siercka, who retires as general manager of the associ-ation for the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland on December 31, will be succeeded by Dr John Leaper, deputy



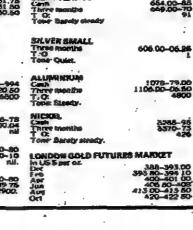


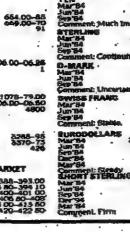
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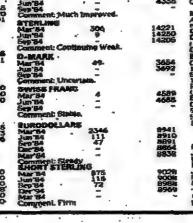


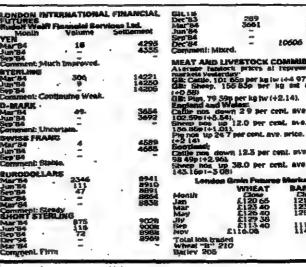


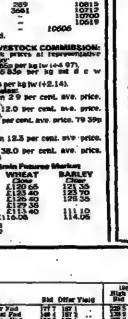


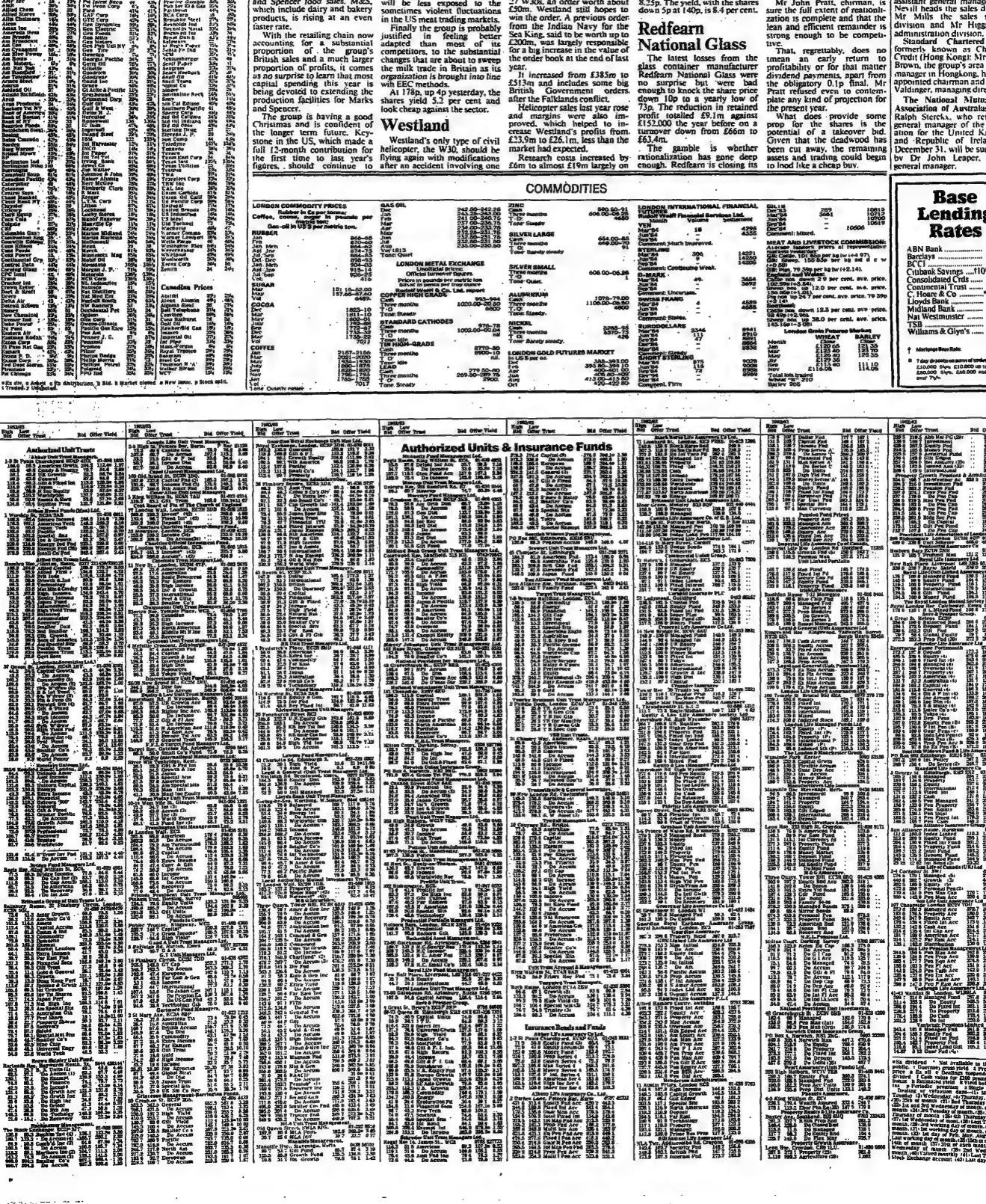


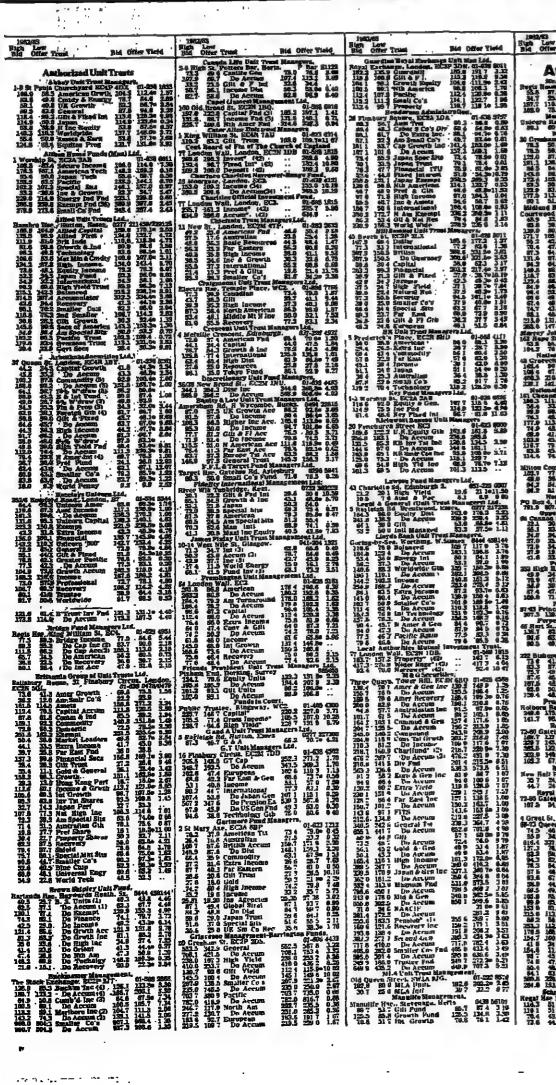


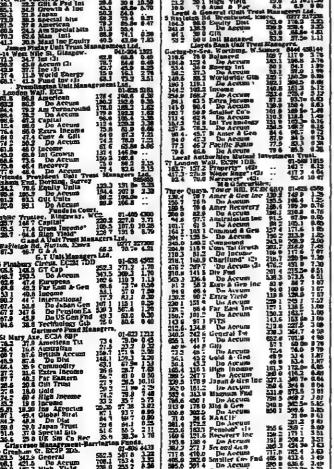




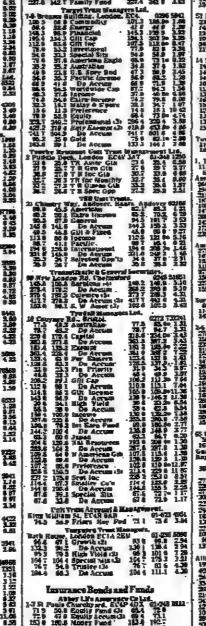


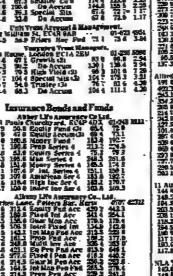


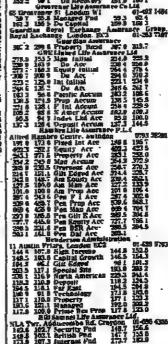


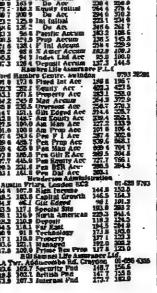


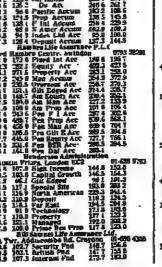


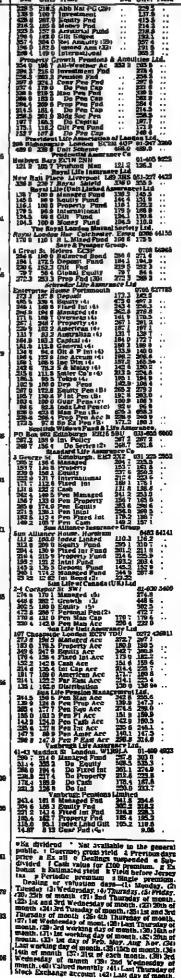












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The run-in to the Government's next great privatization issue. the flotation of Enterprise Oil, is now firmly under way. The appointment a few days ago of Mr Graham Hearne as chief executive of the fledgling company is the most crucial step so far on the way to what promises to be one of the most intriguing - and delicate - selloffs that the Government has yet undertaken. The next step will be announced shortly when the Government says which two stockbroking firms it has appointed to join Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank as

A "beauty contest" to pick the two firms was held two weeks ago, and the fact that the Government has felt the need to appointing broking advisers six months before the issue is scheduled to take place reflects its awareness that the ground for this flotation needs to be carefully prepared.

This is because Enterprise Oil is an unusual beast. The company was set up this year to hold the proven North Sea oil assets of British Gas, including the corporation's stake in five proven commercial fields and a clutch of exploration licences issued under previous adminis-

The Government's decision to force British Gas to dispose of its oil assets has been resisted fiercely by the corporation's and its chairman Sir Dennis Rooke since the leglislation was first announced in July 1981 by Mr Nigel Lawson, then Energy Secretary.

By a nice irony, the task of completing the privatization process has fallen to Mr Lawson's successor as Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, a man who does not always agree with Mr Lawson on the subject of privatization.

It was Mr Walker who took the final decision three months ago to float the assets on the stock market as a single company rather than sell them off piecemeal to other oil

Part of the reasoning behind the decision was a desire to create another middle-ranking British oil company, which, with luck, will be able to develop to fill the gap between the oil companies such as BP and Shell and the pool of smaller independent explo-ration companies such as Charterhouse Petroleum, Clyde

# **Enterprise Oil flotation must** resolve problem of pricing







The crucial question about

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Walker knows that if the

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next year onwards it will otherwise face substantial

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Graham Hearne (left), Peter Walker and William Bell: Crucial question is how Enterprise develops after flotation

also followed with the flotation of Britoil last year, an unhappy experience that has not made any easier the task of presenting the City with another state-

owned oil company, Memories of the disastrous underwriting flop with Britoil left many institutions distinctly wary. Enterprise is in many ways a more attractive animal than Britoil, but the unusual nature of its origins have posed their own difficult-

The company is rich in assets and cash flow, but as a newly-created - effectively "off the shelf" - company, it had no management until a few months ago and has no trading record as an independent company.

This marks it out from previous privatization issues, including Britoil. For example, Mr Walker and Kleinwort Beauton will have to ask for a dispensation from the Stock Exchange to allow the company to seek a full market listing without having met the normal financial information.

The only set of figures Enterprise is likely to produce before flotation is a pro forma trading statement covering the eight months from May to the end of this month.

The Government has been quick to find the kernel of a management team. For the last three months the company has been run from borrowed offices in Fenchurch Street under two seconded directors, Mr Peter Elwes, a director of Kleinwort, and Mr Julian West, a young

but highly able assistant secre-

tary, from the Department of Energy.
This was always intended as an interim move, and Mr Walker has now announced the appointment of Mr William Bell, a director of Shell, as non-executive chairman, and Mr Hearne as full-time chief execu-

One of the first tasks facing Mr Hearne, who will take over on March I at a salary more than £80,000 a year, will be to build a team of 35 to 40 people, including about 20 exploration specialsits such as geologists

Financially, the final shape of likely profitability.

the company will depend on the way in which the Government agrees to establish its capital

The company is generating positive cash flow at a considerable rate, but is not yet clear whether the Treasury will endeayour to claw back the estimated £80m surplus the company is expected to have occumulated since the begin-

ning of May.

Next year the surplus expected to rise to £100m at least, and continue rsing before peaking at more than £200m in 1986, reflecting the build-up of production from its five main

The figures illustrate that Enterprise Oil is going to be financially healthy, but since they exclude taxation, interest and any capital spending the new company makes, they are only the roughest of guides of its

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The company will also be bidding strongly for licences in the North Sea round, expected next year, and will be keen to aquire operator status, as opposed to its present role as a minority partner in the North

Enterprise on tax grounds.

It will also be looking overseas. Apart from the discovery, Arbroath Enterprise's batch of inherited North Sea licences is also thought to contain a potentially commercial discovery near the Forties field. Tax reasons again make it attractive for the company to develop a new North Sea field as quickly as possible.

Ail of which adds up to a hatful of potential, Unlike Britoil, which was overloaded with assets and drilling commitments, and burdened with a debt-heavy balance sheet, Enterprise looks like starting life with considerable freedom of manouevre and a virtually clean balance sheet. This is bound to be attractive to the market.

On the other hand, with no track record to look at and the promise of a series of deals coming to fruition immediately after the flotation, investors who buy the Government's shares will inevitably be taking a plunge into the dark,

company is to be sold success-Brokers in the City have, fully as a flourishing new British meanwhile, been hammering oil company, the management home the point that the success must demonstrate the ability to of the flotation - and the build on - rather than squander company - will hinge even - the valuable cash flow with more than usual on what faith the institutions place on the For tax reasons, as well it is ability of the management to imperative for Enterprise to strike the right deals at the right expand its exploration interests as rapidly as possible. From

Initial reaction to the first management appointments has been mixed. Mr Hearne, a Rothschild's man who moved on to be finance director of Courtaulds from 1977 to 1981. has a reputation as tough negotiator and deal-maker.

Mr Hearne said this week He admits that his technical that he will be looking urgently at the options for tax efficient knowledge of the industry is limited, and oil analysts and expansion, including aquisi-tions and "farm-ins" to other fund managers are divided about what sort of success he companies exploration acreage. achieved in his two years at There is no shortage of aquisi-Tricentrol, before his sudden tion candidates, particularly among the smaller British resignation this year.

It is a tight schedule. The main problem for Mr Walker and his advisers at Kleinwort Benson, looks like being pricing the issue correctly.

Today's provisional estimcertain to figure on the list of ates that the flotation will raise possible candidates, although neither is the perfect match for £400m may well prove to be out by some margin.

### Financial notebook

# New horizons for discount houses

rumour and speculation over about the future of the 10 mergers and takeovers in the discount houses returns events financial industry ever since the ally to the Bank of England
Government struck its deal which uses its bill market Government struck as used warm now the struck with the Stock Exchange to dealings with the houses to regulate the level of liquidity in

mile virtually ignored in the present feverish mood is the

This is rather odd because behind the arcane image of the discount bouses lies a wealth of talent and expertise in managing liquidity and dealing in short-term securities and financial instruments. The popular action that the

houses are more akin to stuffy Bank of England finds convenient to preserve may still contain a grain of truth in some cases. But the best of them employ some of the sharpes brains in the City and have grown through innovation and skill in taking positions in the markets in which they operate.

Traditionally, the discount houses have been the marketmakers in Treasury bills and sterling bank bills – a market which is now worth about £12 billion, Several of them also make a market in certificates of deposit and they are dual-capacity operators in numerou other securities. Recently the three biggest houses have begun to deal in the increas-ingly popular floating-rate note market.

Given their expertise in short-term financial instruments and skills as markethow a discount house might fit into a broader financial group seeking to offer a full range of services in the securities markets to custon

Indeed market-making skills are certain to be at a premium if, as many believe inevitable, the introduction of negotiated commissions on the Stock Exchange leads to dual-ca-pacity trading. It would be easy to imagine, for instance, discount houses becoming marketmakers in the short end of the gilts market if regulations

ments of the Office of Fair the banking system as a whole.

Trading.

But one corner of the square resort facilities to the houses, resort facilities to the houses, the Bank enjoys a unique hold over this sector of the financial industry. Without it a discount

> It is no secret that the Bank would like to see more mergers among smaller discount hor to help balance the strength of which together account for about three-fifths of the market. But it is also no secret that the Bank has no wish to see the amount of capital employed in the market greatly increased.

house would not be able to

The Bank's attitude has meant that rights issues for discount houses have in effect been ruled out, save in exceptional circumstances, and it has always been assumed that the Bank would never countenance a takeover of a discount house.

The houses, meanwhile, although some have attempted to diversify on a small scale, remain relatively small. They lack resources for significant acquisitions and because of the relatively low ratings and high yields accorded to their shares, it is expensive to try to buy into iew areas through acquisi

Whether the Bank might countenance the takeover of a discount house in the future remains to be seen.

When Mr Jacob Rothchild's RIT & Northern aunounced it was merging with Charterhouse Group, which owned the ac-cepting house Charterhouse Japhet, the Bank of England was certainly interested. But in the Bank's eyes the merger, both groups receiving shares in a new company, did not constitute change of control of

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### Commercial property

# Mixed prospects

one on the US, the other on began business in January this Hongkong – provide a vivid contrast of the prospects. The Hongkong property scene remains depressed by uncertainty about the colony's future, but future. the US market could serve invesiors well.

Leanne Lachman, president of the Chicago-based Real Estate Research Corporation, feports that although a high volume of fund flowing into real estate from new sources will force prices up and yields three to six years' time. But investments should be picked

RERC forecasts a strong flow of equity funds from syndicators who are active in all land uses, from savings and loans; and from public and private pension funds. In addition, morrgage funds are readily available from insurance companies and banks are keen to continue to make construction loans at a time when corporate

borrowing is low.

Much of the investment will be directed towards sales of existing property rather than new construction.

Recent overhuilding in most large office markets means that new office construction will be low in 1984. At present the strongest big-city office locations are San Francisco. New York, Boston and Los Angeles, But offices remain popular among investors, and RERC say that shopping centres have regained their former

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preferential position. About five years ago, when retailing was recognized as being overbuilt, investors moved from shopping centres to office blocks. Now it sees the balance restored, and only 300 new shopping centres are being built each year compared with 1.000 a year in the 1970s.

As if to confirm the optimis-ne forecast, work started this pionth in San Francisco on a 15m development by Taysan lincoln Associates, a joint centure between Taylor Wood-chw of San Francisco and the Lincoln Property Company.

The development will include 402 residential units,

project will be completed by

For those considering overseas sents a very different picture, investment in 1984, two reports Knight Frank Kan and Baillieu

He said the negotiations with the Jockey Club yesterday, ching on the sovereignty issue of an oversupply of finished handicapper, came down heavily Peking on the sovereignty issue and an oversupply of finished property had become apparent early in 1983, and the adverse effects were now even more marked. Since Mrs Thatcher's visit to China, the price of large

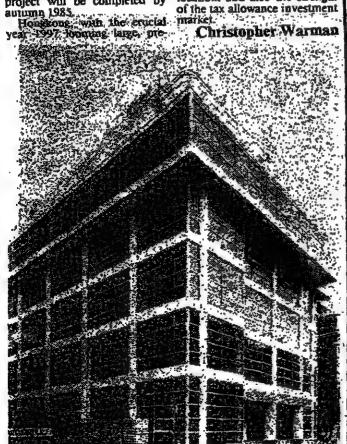
would soon be overcome now that it seemed progress was ton trainer, on hearing that being made in the talks, and particularly bearing in mind the underlying strength of the underlying strength of the member Khaled Abdullah, had been rated the top English-Hongkong economy and the been rated the top English-industrious nature of the Hong-trained two-year-old, joked kong people". He expects the property

market to stay much the same in 1984, with cautious invest-ment, hitle of it involving large trials, but intimated that the 2000 sums. Depending on political Guineas was very much on developments, the next upturn Rainbow Quest's agenda. The could come in 1987.

"By then", he said, "the world economy should have substantially recovered. Hongkong's industrialists are usually able to reap more advantage in a boom than those of other developing countries. Thus the benefits to Hongkong may be enormous - and an economic boom always leads to a property

Prudential Assurance's ambitious £9m development of 22 Hanover Square in Mayfair has just been completed. The refurbishment, designed create an ultra-modern office building, is suitable as prestige headquarters for any big organi zation, and has 90,000 sq ft of air-conditioned office and banking hall or showroom space Letting agents Jones Lang Wootton are offering the space as a whole, for an annual rent of about £1.75m, or in floors, from 8.100 sq ft. at an annual rent of about £23 a sq ft.

The first phase of the Capital Interchange industrial and ofclude 402 residential units, fice development on the site of \$10,000 sq ft of retail space and a the former Brentford market has been sold for £3m to a private investor. The sale started in San Francisco for 15 indicates a yield of nearly 6 per cent, which is believed to be The first units will be ready at record, and reflects both the the end of 1984 and the entire quality of the units and their location, and also the strength of the tax allowance investment



Bishops Court, a new 55,000 sq ft office building in Artiller Lane, beside Liverpool Street Station, has been let to Gibbs Insurance Holdings, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Jones Lang Wootton and Sinclair Goldsmith advised Central and City and the tenants were represented by Gooch and Wagstaff and Herring Son and Daw. The asking rent was \$675,000 a war. The building desired with law asking rent was £675,000 a year. The building, designed with low energy costs in mind, ties a glazed "wall climber" lift and a fully enclosed central atrium with a pool and indoor garden.

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# Handicapper takes his hat off to unbeaten El Gran Senor

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RACING: IRISH COLT HEADS THE FREE HANDICAP

Vincent O'Brien's unbeaten colt. El Gran Senor, has been senior partner, has bravely said he is optimistic about the international classification and Free Handicap, announced by

in favour of the Dewhurst Stakes form in evaluating the respective merit of the juveniles, and placed Rainbow Quest, beaten half a length at Newmarket, in second place. Ilb behind El Gran Senor. will force prices up and yields domestic units and offices had down, investors will continue to favour real estate in anticipation of future appreciation in where maintaining their price flamboyant successes on Newflamboyant successes on New-market's July course, before Mr Yan was nevertheless landing the Champagne Stakes at hopeful that present difficulties Doncaster, was allocated 9st 3lb.

"That means we will not be well handicapped next season!" Tree said that it was early days Tote's prices for the first of the colts' classics are 6-1 Lear Fan, 8-1 El Gran Senor and 14-1

RainbowQuest. Chris Kinanc, assistant to Guy Harwood, said "We are quite happy not to be top of the handicap with Lear Fan. The only one of ours I think is slightly harshly treated is Raft (8st 10lb), who is set to give weight to Alphabatim (8st 9lb), a Group

one winner."
The Middle Park Stakes winner, Creag-An-Sgor, was given 9st, but his young Lambourn trainer. Charlie Nelson, must be disappointed with the handicapper's assess-ment of 8st 8lb for his impressive Rockfel Stakes scorer. Mahogany, who is rated 3lb behind the top filly, Michael Stoute's Shoot Clear, and 2lb behind Lord Porchester's Satin-

controversy over the three-yearold classification in which the Northern Dancer colt, Sharcel Dancer, who ran only three times last season before retiring to stud, was given a rating of 93 (against a norm of 100), placing him 21b above the flying sprinter, Habibti, who is most people's favourite to win the "Racehorse of the Year" award. Defending the allocation, Mr Gibbs said that it had been very difficult to link Habibti, as a sprinter, to the best three and spot four-year-olds. In the Irish says

Gold Cup, and the 2-1 on favourne, shipped on landing over the third last fence and fell when going like a winner. Righthan Man, Dickinson's other runner, just ran bedly.

Later in the day, Badsworth Boy, another of the stable's stars, who won'the Queen Mother Champion Steeplectase at the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in March, got no further than the first fence of the Boston Pit Handicap Sweplechase, his first race of the season.

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With Grey Fusilier also falling there and Royal Mere refusing at the next

fence the race became a formality for Clayside who won without even breaking into a sweat. Royal Mere

and Grey Fusilies were remounted

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By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent Yesterday was certainty a day of Bradley, who rode Bresawn, and mixed fortunes for Michael Dickin. Dermiot Browne, was on the son a rare experience for a man eventual winner, both said thirthey.



El Gran Senor (left) mastering Rainbow Quest inDewhurst Stakes (Photograph: Chris Cole) Shareef Dancer had easily beaten Caerleon, the French Derby winner and the English Derby winner, Teenoso. You cannot take away from a horse what he has achieved, even if it was in one race", he

campaign in France, Canada chind Lord Porchester's Satintite.

and the United States, the Arc
heroine, All Along, was an
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only his fifth steeplechase and his

first out of novice company against seasoned campaigners. Prince Rowan's jumping was exceptional. Dickinson said that he will run Prince Rowan next at Wetherby on

Boxing Day, in the Rowland Meyrick Steeplechase, which he has

After her brilliant autumn

cation. She was given a rating of 92, three in front of the lan Balding trained Diamond Shoal who, surprisingly, was placed ahead of Time Charter, who had beaten him in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot and

the Arc.

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Creag-An-Sgor	9.8	Tolomes	87	Stanomi	

£996.500 to pattern races - a reduction of £200,000 on this year's figure. However, the cut

will be largely offset by a big increase in sponsorship, which will take the total added money to an estimated £3.14m, only £3.500 less than in 1983. Several major changes in the also finished in front of him in 1984 flat pattern were announced, following a meeting of the European pattern com-

mittee in Cologne last week. They are: the William Hill Sprint championship, held at York in August, upgraded from group two to group one, the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket and Royal Ascot's Queen Anne Stakes from group three

to group two.

The two big juvenile races at Royal Ascot, the Coventry and Queen Mary Stakes, have been downgraded from group two to group three, as well as Newbury's John Porter Stakes, and Ascot's White Rose Stakes has been removed from the partern.

# Bregawn's fall lets in Prince Rowan Aintee last Apoll, when his numping was a revelation. In the Grand National Peasy Sandy could finish only firstly some 50 lengths being Consiert. More recently Peary Sandy Inising third in the Ladbroke Trophy over integral, throughout pick at Newcastle. If lengths being Bush Guide who is one of their organized by this afternoon. Bush Guide has been penalized bit for that win. Midnight Love Stated second.

At Haydock Park today, Still more pointers should be gleaned because the field for the Burnley Handicap Steeplechase includes two

3 Percepient, 9-2 Abersing, 7 Capivista, 9 Kindled Spint, 18 Event Melody, Some Jinks, 12 Cyster Pond, 14 Startight Laid, 18 Master Melody, Tom Farr, Double Step, 20 others.

2.15 CHRISTMAS GAKE HURDLE Blandcap F1,163:

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2.45 CHRISTMAS STOCKING CHASE (handicap

3.15 CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (novices: cor

Southwell selections

ditional jockeys: £414: 2m) (15)

son, a rate experience for a man accustomed to doing inthe wong. The Champion National Huntwing trainer saddled three runners for the Tommy White Steeplechase at Hundring it with the least fancied of his trio. Prince Rowad, Bregawn, the best and of the back straight on the best and of the back straight on the shoped on landing over the third last fence and fell when going like a winner. Righthan Man, Dickinson's other runner, just san boath. Rounding the long, last bend Bradley eased Bregawn another of the stable's stars, who won'the Queen Mother Champions Steepletchase at the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in March, and no further than the first fence of the stable's fence of the stable's stars, who won'the Queen Mother Champions Steepletchase at the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in March, and no further than the first fence of the stable's fence of the stable's stars, who was running in the stable than the first fence of the stable of the stable's stars, who was running in the stable of the stable of the stable's stars, who was running in the stable of the stable of the stable of the stable's stars, who was running in the stable of the stable's stars, who was successful to the back straight on the second circuit.

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By finishing than sesteriary Oct. Ont Of My Way, ran well enough to fan the flames of hope shal be will be a force to contend spith, in the Welsh National at Chesting on December 37. Corals, when the properties that race promptly clipped his properties of 14-1 from 20-1.

who have already won the Chepstow marathon. Corbicre and Peaty Sandy all being well, they will be in the line up again. 20 1F0-0 PRA-COCK-ARE C NAME 7-10-0 A Webber 21 OP1-4 LOCH RYAN HOUSE O Bramman 5-10-0 M Brannan 22 0200 THE GURREA MAN K Being 8-10-0 Mr I William Mr I William Research Rese

Mr M Photon 7

Midnight Love started second favourite for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury last month,

but could finish only a distant fourth, 35 lengths behind Brown Chamberlin. Indifferent jumping. was primarily to blame.

Ashley House will need to jump much better than he did whem he asis just beaten by Easter Carnival the Wincanton last month, if he is to win today's race. Afterwards, it transpired that he had pulled a muscle in his back there. I prefer to judge him on the way he jumped around Haydock last January when he won the Peter Marsh Limited Handicap. In that sort of form, he will be hard to beat, even with 12st.

### **Jetharts Here** tries again

The improving nine-year-old made it three wins from his four outings this season when easily beating Mullacurry by seven lengths in the Chries Vickery Memorial Handicap Chase, at Catterick esterday.

Renilson, who saddled King Con to win the Scottish National in 1978

Jetharis Here, who loathed the soft ground in this year's Scottish National will next year attendant be the owner-mainer decorate Renilson's second winner in the

said: "Jetharts Here was just broken when he came to me. I was planning to retire King Con but he is so well at the moment that I will probably bring him out at Kelso on Monday."

### Going: good to soft Tate Double: 2.0, 3.0. Treble: 1.30, 2.30, 3.30. 1.0 HINDLEY GREEN HURDLE (Novices: £1,272: 2m) (20 runners)

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CRAROVE (D) (D Hodgotreon) B MacMatron 4-10-9

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PALCON'S HEIR (S Metics) I Bradley 4-10-7

AND CRACKER (G Hartes) M Electy 4-10-7

SAN FORD VALUE (Ballond Van Hrip D Nicholson 4-10-7

SAN LING LARREL (F Torry) Mrs B Warring 4-10-7

THE COBALT UNIT (Mrs J Allen) Mrss A King 4-10-7

ABBEY ROSE (J Albery) A Jones 8-10-7

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1.30 BIRKDALE CHASE (Novices: £2,129: 3m) (9) 

20 BEECHES FARM HURDLE (Handicap: conditional jockeys: £1,155:

REAY'S SONG (D), (b) Naughton) M Naughton 9-11-7

GOLDEN CYMBAL (3) (M Neck) I Wardle 3-11-7

JEFFERSON HOUSE (D) (M Avison) M Anson 4-11-5

GOLDEN KNOLL (E) (Mrs.) McKechnie) Steffor 4-11-5

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TONGALEN HOLLE (D) (C Sparred) C Reases 4-11-0

NR MCCARH (A Morgan) R Fisher 4-10-18

STAR ALLIANCE (D) (R Bates) R Morris 5-10-13

SOLD BLUSSON (D) (H Thursteet) M Echley 5-10-11

CAROLISER (ED) (Baetline, Ltd) D'Oyle 6-10-10

NEASURIE UP (CD) (J Bundell) J Bundel 7-10-9

PETISTREE (Mrs. T Hassel) O O'Neil 5-10-7

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CASAL ROYALE (D) (D'Thompson) D McCain 5-10-7

RODALAN (Mrs. B Warting) Mrs. B Warting 8-10-7

2.30 BURNLEY CHASE (Handicap: £2,708; 3m 4f) (11)

3.0 WIDNES HURDLE (Selling: £879: 2m 6f) (13)

3.30 GOLBORNE HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,253: 2m) (20)

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2 51004 LOR NOSS (0) (A Leighton) A Leighton 11-0
3 63104 NORTH KEY (0) (J Wolsterholme) M Naughton 11-0
4 1 RHYTHINIC PASTAMES (0) (P Byrne) Jorishin 11-0
7 4 COMEDY FARR (Mrs M Nowel) M H Eastarby 10-7
8 HALLEWOOD VINTINER (Ars M O'Nem N H Colling 10-7
10 MARYEST FORTUNE (Ars M O'Nem N H Colling 10-7
11 0 IL PONTEWECCHO (Ars J Murray Streth) D Streth 10-7
12 1 ATTIN FORT (Mrs C Seymout) Deny's Streth D Streth 10-7
13 MASTER SECA KEY (Mrs M Neborel) J Norg 10-7
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15 MESTER (A Bingley) J Old 10-7
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18 PRINCE LINK (Ars C Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 10-7
19 PRINCE LINK (Ars C Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 10-7
20 SECAMES (J Berry) J Borry 10-7
21 THOMOND (A Bingley) J Old 10-7
22 SECAMES (J Berry) J Borry 10-7
23 SCLAES (J Berry) J Borry 10-7
24 REMONNT (I Hodgides) Mrs J Hodgides 10-2
25 AVENTA LADY (A Oborne) Mrs A Finch 10-3
26 AVENTA LADY (A Oborne) Mrs A Finch 10-3
27 ARBOONT (I Hodgides) Mrs J Hodgides 10-2
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Haydock selections

By Michael Phillips 1 D'Emperal Clinger 1:30 Regt Mills: 2.0 Colden Knoll. 2:30 Ashley House. 10 Petrockii) 1:30 Rhythnin Pashines.

### Catterick Haydock results

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3.30 ASHTON HURDLE (novces: £1,195: 2m 4 

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3.15 STREETLAM HURDLE (Div II: novice

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The January Yachting World not only has a full Boot Show preview but two big new series: "Cruising Salls' by Don Street and an advanced Ready for Racing series beginning with how to commission a race boat.

The boat show hoal! 3 Mr Snugit, 4 Worthy Neiress, 11-2 Old Castle Line, 5 Commands Christy, 8 Malicious Red, Prepair Fur, 12 More Pleasure, 16 Black Cloud Sydnay Quinn, 25 others.

(By Our Racing Staff)
11.45 Member's Relish. 12.15 Mons Lad. 12.45 Just For
The Crack. 1.15 English Muffin. 1.43 Loch Ryan
House. 2.15 Pearly Steps. 2.45 Commander Christy.
3.15 Aonoch.

Traumatic

times

for West

Germany

Bonn (Reuter) - The West German season starts its annual

winter break this week but the

public future over the dramatic

decline in the nation's football

fortunes shows no sign of abating. West Germans, reared on years of success, find it hard to swallow that

for the first time ever none of their

sides has reached the quarter-finals

of the three European club

Even worse, patriotic pride has been humbled by the sight of the once-mighty national side stum-bling at home against lowly

opposition and only just scraping into next year's European Cham-

prionship finals.
The media and supporters, in a desperate and almost hysterical

desperate and almost hysterical search for scapegoats, are pointing the finger of blame in two directions—at Jupp Derwall, and at the country's top players. Derwall is accused of everything from faulty selection to pampering players, the players themselves are under fire for being overpaid and lacking the will to win.

Such simplistic answers beg the real question: what, if anything, has gone wrong with West German football?

The evidence for decline looks

overwhelming. Bayers Munich were the only West German side from six starters left in this season's

European competitions after the second round, When they went out

second round, when they went out of the UEFA Cup against Totten-ham Hotspur last week, the unthinkable had happened; not a single West German team left in

In the previous 10 years West German clubs had dominated Europe, providing no fewer than eight trophy winners and 15

eight trophy winners and 15 finalists. Four seasons ago West Germany monopolized the UEFA Cup with four of its teams disputing the semi-finals and a fifth – Hamburg – reached the European Cup final the same year.

Hamburg, last May's European champions, epitomize the ills besetting the West German game.

Most experts believe, however

Yesterday's results

Oxford United 0
sepWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Bournemouth 0,
Cambridge United 2.

Manchester City have com-pleted the transfer of Barnsley's ham's manager, said: "A few defender Mick McCombin ham's manager, said: "A few first appearance at Cambridge on Saturday, McCarthy said: "I am delighted to be joining a club of City's standing. I was interested in signing for Newcastle United but they could not match Citys offer.

Billy McNeill, City's man-ger, has spent a big slice of the £500,000 fee he received from Arsenal for McCarthy, who played more than 300 senior games for Barnsky. McNeill said: "I needed somebody with command and authority and I saw these qualities in McCarthy when he played against us. I am very conscious that he is my major signing, moneywise, since I came to City, but I am full of confidence that he can fill the gap left by Tommy Caton.

Fulham, who are third from bottom in the second division, yesterday strengthened their squad with the signing of the Queen's Park Rangers forward, Tony Sealy, and Liverpool's midfield player, Steve Foley, both on loan. They will play in Saturday's game at Oldham.

Sealy is on loan until the end of the season, with Fulham having the first option to sign him permanently; Foley, who has been in Liverpool's reserves for four years, is on a two-

# Luxembourg beaten by Greece

Athens (Reuter). - A valiant sttempt by Luxembourg to secure even one point before fading out of the European Championship ended in failure yesterday when they were beaten 1-0 by a careless, uninspired. Greek team in front of 7,000

Luxembourg put the accent on attack, but could not prevent the Greeks, who scored through Dimi-tris Saravakos in the 19th minute, lorg gaining control.

With Denmark already assured of

a place in the finals in France next summer, Greece's only incentive was the chance to move ahead of Hungary into third place behind England in group three.

Despite a fine display by Defraing, the Luxembourg goal-keeper, they should have won even more comfortably but squandered

defender Mick McCarthy for goals and a few points will do us £200,000 and he will make his the world of good and both of these players are quite capable of helping us achieve this. For Steve especially, the chance of first team football will by like a breath of fresh air. It's not easy when you have players like Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish ahead of you."

Stoke City have asked Arsenal to loan them their former forward, Lee Chapman for a month. Chapman, who left Stoke for Arsenal in a £50,000 deal 16 months are her are deal 16 months ago, has not established himself at Highbury and is believed to be available fro a £100.000. Another forfro a £100.000. Another forward, Tueart, has been given a free transfer by Stoke. He joined them from Manchester City during the summer, but Stoke's acting manager, Bill Asprey, said yesterday: "It has not probled out."

Oxford United's reserve goal-keeper, John Butcher, has joined the fourth division club, Bury, on a month's loan. He is wanted as cover for the former Oxford goalkeeper. David Brown, who suffered a wrist injury shortly after recovering from a broken arm.

Brentford are giving a free transfer to Graham Wilkins, whose younger brother Ray is the Manchester United and England midfield player.

of the season both countries must step out into the big, wide world to fend for themselves and it is Scotland, so rich in resources – and not just mineral – for whom you

It is the ideal time for a fresh start, fresh faces north of the border after finishing bottom of their European championship qualifying group if Scotland are ever to justify

group it Scotland are ever to justify the stubborn optimism we regrlarly hold for them. Jock Stein, after his fiftleth match in charge, must know it, too. He can lay claim to a 50 per cent success rate with 20 wins and 20 defeats but his less illustrious predecessors. Alistair MacLeod and

Willie Ormand, were more success-

The job of an international manager depends upon instant communication and motivation and

in this respect few men have coaxed.

the minds of players better than Stein. But on Wednesday, even with

six members of Aberdeen's superbly successful side, there was the

common failure of Scotland to

express their inner seives never

mind a sense of understanding. Every player was looking over his shoulder at the half dozen waiting in line behind him. They even failed to



# Scotland seem to have lost their pride, McClelland says

Northern Ireland's twenty-eighth and final victory over Scotland at Windsor Park on Tuesday evening in the last home international championship is history. At the end

Somess, the captain, was seen shaking his head in the second half in disbelief at what this horehough of an Irish side can achieve. But the Irish strength is not merely one of

Irish strength is not merely one of continuity among its members but of dependable character and surprizing individual excellence.

Stewart is the archetypal modern Irish international. In November last year when he ripped apart the international reputation of Kaitz and scored the winning goal against West Germany he had one of the scored for his club, Queen's Park Rangers, and was on loan to Millwall.

On Tuesday he showed that

On Tuesday he showed that precious ability to deceive not only his marker but the cover as well. That was something his opposite number, the more celebrated Weir, never looked like doing. On the other wing Cochrane, the man who supplied the passes for the goals of Whiteside and McIlroy, turns out in the third division for Gillingham

every Saturday.

The 2-0 victory confirmed Northern Ireland's position as Britain's outstanding performers these past 18 months with their these past 18 months with their victims including West Germany (twice), Austria and Spain. Bobby Robson, whose England side must tangle twice with these menacing "nobodies" in the World Cup qualifying round, remarked upon leaving Belfast: "Obviously the Irish confirmed everything I knew about confirmed everything I knew about

when they come to discuss the order of those World Cup matches next

Billy Bingham, the Irish manager, would like to start their competition against Finland. "They finish their season in September and maybe we could catch them when they are tired." He also hopes that Italy will provide the opposition when Northern Ireland celebrate the opening of their £2 million North sand, probably in August. They will need that kind of opposition if they are to come anywhere near filling their 6,800 seats. They must hope that they keep drawing England in qualifying groups.

The role of international manager has blended perfectly with the Perry Como roll neck sweater style of Billy Bingham. His record as manager has been outstanding by any standards, let alone that of a small country. His job security is assured - or it should be.

Ochris Marustik's ninth minute goal against Yugoslavia at Newport on Tuesday night virtually ensures Greece 1, Lucambourg 0 on Tuesday night virtually ensures Wales' entry to the next UEFA under-21 championship. The Swansca midfield player scored the only goal of the game to end Yugoslavia's unbeaten record and confirm Welsh promise at this level. After failing to score in their first three games, Wales are unbeaten in the last three

They were surprisingly knocked out of this season's European Cup by Dynamo Bucharest and were outplayed by Gremio, of Brazil, on Sunday in the World club championship, losing 2-1 after extra time. captains Rangers, thought that they had "kost their pride."

Somess, the captain, was seen shaking his head in the second half that the lack of outstanding sides is a temporary phenomenou and that

a temporary phenomenon and that West Germany could soon bounce back. Stuttgart, inspired by the Icelandic midfield player, Asgeir Sigurvinsson, lead the league by one point from Bayern. But the Munich side boast the best defensive record thanks mainly to the brilliant goalkeeping of the Belgian, Jean-Marie Piaff. The fact that these two have been the start of the season so have been the stars of the season so far is no comfort for Detwall as he attempts to find a team worthy of defending the European title won in Rome in 1980. Many managers feel Derwall is being unfairly blamed for the fact that West Germany no longer has a collection of world-class players of

the calibre of Beckenbauer, Müller, Netzer, Breitner and Maler, He also Netzer, Breitner and Maier. He asso has the problem of dealing with players who refuse to appear for the national team if they are dropped Despite the present slump it would be rash to bet against West Germany doing well in France.

Birmingham director

doubts share issue

Fears that Birmingham City's new £400,000 share issue will be less than half successful could lead to the resignation of Richard Burman, a permanent and proper sound

director, tomorrow.

Mr Burman, a chartered account-

ant, is concerned by a deficiency of

£606.689 between the club's assets and liabilities at the close of last year's accounts on June 30.

In the annual report, to be presented to shareholders at the

annual meeting tomorrow, this figure is said to be covered by the value of Birmingham's players.

### ROWING

# Henley is swanning along nicely

SNOOKER

Sharp Thorne is

on the losing side

Willie Thorne put on a brilliant. Stevens after Miles had failed to one-man show in the Hofmeister arrive in time for his second round

world doubles championship at match.

Northampton yesterday, but still But Miles, due to partner George

ended up on the losing side in the Ganim, of Australia, was misled by quarter-final round against the an error in the tournament booking defending champions, Steve Davis form which he had, like all the

highest break of 139 in the third when, in fact, they were due on frame and added a 96 clearance in against Higgins and Stevens in the

players, been sent. That showed the

Knowles and Jimmy White at night

Although Ganim had discovered

the mistake on Monday night. Miles

had returned to Birmingham, and was informed by telephone only when he failed to appear. The

tournament director, Gideon Lloyd,

said: "It is up to professionals to find out when they are playing. Miles did not bother to check with

the tournament office as his partner

had. The booking form he was sent was meant to show only first round

John Virgo, vice-chairman of the WPBSA, said: "We will discuss the matter at our next board meeting

but we certainly feel out member has been hard done by. It is clearly

nas been nard done by. It is clearly unfair to expect Higgins and Stevens to play the match now, but Miles has a real grievance and we will have to see what can be done. Virgo added pointedly: "It maybe that in future the WPBSA will have to be much more closely involved in the running of townments."

running of tournaments."

CHARTER-FINAL ROUND: A Knowles and J White bit R Harris and Morra, 5-4; R Reardon and J Spancer bit F Davis and M Watterson 5-2, S Davis and a Meo bit W Thomas and D Taylor, 5-3.

and Tony Meo.

Thorne, the 29-year-old from

Leicester, rattled in the tournament

David Taylor, sadly out of touch, Thorne could not hold off world

champion Davis and Meo, who

took the match 5-3.

The London pair took the first two frames 94-29 and 97-29, but then came Thorne's superb total

clearance of 139. Davis replied to Thorne's big break with a 62 to take the fourth frame 93-1. Thorne and Taylor won the next 63-47, but then

Meo struck with a break of 51 to take frame six 72-27 to lead 4-2.

clearance to win frame seven 115-11, but missed the black off its spot early in the eighth and Meo stepped in with a 41 break and the tournament's even favourites took

the frame 63-8 to secure their place in the semi-finals.

Snooker Association, have turned their weight behind "wronged" snooker professional. Graham

snooker professional. Graham Miles. On Tuesday the promoters of

championship awarded a 5-0 walkover to United Kingdom champion, Alex Higgins and Kirk

Thorne sparkled again with his 96

the seventh. But with his partner, afternoon.

Henley Royal Regatta is well affort and healthy, a fact reflected in the annual accounts published after the Stewards' annual meeting yesterday. The regarda cost £470,000 yesterday. The regand cost 24/0,000 to stage this year, expenditure ranging from almost £200,000 for erecting and dismantling stands and tents to £473 for "taking up and keeping swans". The stewards enclosure tickets were sold out for three of the four days and income exceeded expenditure by over led expenditure by over

A wise fiscal policy, by which new sources of income have been generated, has enabled the stewards generated, has enabled the stewards to hold down the level of subscription for membership of the Enclosure. In 1971, members, subscriptions provided 47 per cent of the total income: this year the percentage has fall to 25 per cent. While the world's top crews are likely to be absent next year, preparing for the Olympic regatta on Lake Casitas, California, Healey is still bound to be a sell out, Guest tockets for the stewards enclosure

tickets for the stewards enclosure will be limited to 6,500 for the first two days and 7,500 on Saturday and

Sunday.

The world's most famous regatta

The world's most famous regatta appears rosy in all departments. This year the domestic entry of 218 was the highest ever received, and

was the highest ever received, and noteworthy was a record level of schools support – 39 eights, five fours, three pairs and a sculler.

With domestic membership of the stewards enclosure limited to 5,000, there is a waiting list of 191 (including 67 oarsmen who have competed at Henley), and applicants from outside the sport now face some years of waiting before face some years of waiting before they are likely to be elected

the international governing body (FISA), boats using sliding riggers are banned. Mr lain Reid, who rowed in the outstanding 1966 Emmanuel School crew was elected a steward of the Regatta at yesterday's meeting.

### RACKETS **Indomitable** Boone wins again

By William Stephens

William Boone retained the Celestion Loudspeakers invitation championship by defeating Randall Crawley 15-4, 18-13, 11-15, 15-3 in last night's final at Queen's Club. Boone had hitherto been indomitable, having not dropped a game in the competition.

The only time they met in a championship last year, Crawley beat Boons in the semi-final of the Canadian Amateur championship in Montreal. They know each other's game, being holders together of both Open and Amateur Doubles

Crawley, aged 33, who owns a fine art business, is a graceful player with an artistic flair for delicate wristy shots beautifully timed, but he has a brittle temperament. Last night he eliminated James Maie, aged 19, in an absorbing encounter.

Male offers the intriguing spectacle of a player, double-handed in all strokes except service from the

left box a Frew McMillan, but who when receiving service volleys and attacks like Jimmy Connors, driving the ball back with advantage.

However, when taking the ball off
the back wall, his feet sometimes
become locked into position,
constricting his strokes. This,
together with nomadic concentration, was his downfull; leading

one game to love and 14-8 with his opponent despondent, he allowed Crawley, serving well, to slow the pace and command length. RESULTS: Semi-fant R 5 Crawley bt J 5 Main 10-15, 17-14, 4-15, 15-8, 15-7. W R Booms ht N AR Crippe 15-3, 15-5, 15-6.

### Driver of the year Martin Brundle, the 24-year old

Kings Lynn racing driver, is the Donington Circuit driver of the year's British Formula Three Championship, recieved a cheque for £1250 from Howits Printing, the sponsors of the award, after winning three races at the Leicestershire recalled by Coventry stand-off as London Welsh try to make up for last weekend's defeat at Cardiff.

### time since he was sent of at Leicester in October for Saturday's game with Gloucester at Coundon **Enevoldson** in Wiles, who subsequently served a six-week suspension, returns as tight head as one of two changes from the university side side that ganed Coventry's fifth win in a row by beating Liverpool last weekend. The other is also in the front row with Casper Weston.

Thorne: recorded highest break of 139

**RUGBY UNION** 

Wilkes and Weston are

By David Hands

London University will field an England B international and two Under-23 squad members against Welsh Universities at Motspur Park weish Universities at Motsput Park today. Enevoldson, the former Oxford University prop. now at St Mary's hospital, played against Ireland B last year, and Walsh and Paige, the half backs, toured Italy in 1982 with England Under-23.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: P Greenway (Westmester; R Ford (Royal Hollowy), D Vaux (London Business School), B Barker (London Huspital), D Nermington (St Thomas 's); D Walsh (Royal Free), G Paige (St Mary's); A N Emberton (St Mary's), A Giffen (Duen Mary college), P Enevoláson (St Mary's), P Davies (Westfield), N Fetsing (Ving's), J Esson (Middlesex), J Morris (Royal Free, captain).

### American doctor who puts new life in sports fields

forward Steve Wilkes for the first

normally the club's thirdchoice hooker, preferred to the youth team hooker Steve Elvidge.

Sacacens, chasing their fourth successive victory, drop their

leading scorer Dave Gregory for the

trip to Rugby. Saracens have been forced to omit Gregory in an effort to improve their wayward goalkick-

ing and Thompson in Keay, the captain is back to add his experience

to the cause.
Lewis returns to the London

Welsh second row for the match with London Irish at Old Deer Park. Collins makes way for Lewis who joins the New Zealander Jock Ross

# Green-fingered man in pastures yellow

Champaign, Illinois (AP) – grass starts dying, the first Sports enthusiasts in the United things they want to know are States like to see green, healthy grass growing on baseball fields and golf courses. In the state of Illinois alone, \$1,000m are turf malady, but I usually oly spent each year to keep turf in perfect condition.

The first grass, he said. In his laboratory Wilkinson identified turf diseases and tries to develop cures eases and tries to develop cures. Willinson is looking at three fungus-caused diseases that may be controlled with microperfect condition.

yellow and golf greens die somewhere in the midwest region of the United States, the grass doctor of the University of pythium blight. It was treated Illinois gest a call. Henry Wilkinson studies the

Suses and tures of turf diseases in his laboratory, but frequently finds himself in the role of turt lems are causesd by disease or consultant. "When someone's by chemicals used to treat the process.

When a grass problem the Chicago area. Wilkinson was consulted and diagnosed and the tournament proceeded,

he said. Chemical companies ask Wilkinson whether grass prob-

FOR THE RECORD

HONOKONG: Women's tournament (all US) I Shriver by K Horvath, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, N Navratiova by K Jordan, 6-4, 5-2.

BOXING

organisms. "We aim to elimin-When baseball turf turns threatened a tournament at ate, or at least severely reduce, ellow and golf greens die Butler national golf course in the need for spraying with the need for spraying with chemicals," he said. With two colleagues, he has

applied for a patent on a process for discovering and developing micro-organisms that control specific grass diseases. He said 15 companies are bidding in the range of \$2m for rights to that

SWIMMING

# (Pol) best I Nastase (Rom) 7-5, 6-7, 7-6; T Mayorie best M Purcoll, 6-3, 6-3; A Mayor boat C Campbel, 6-3, 6-4; B Teacher best B Gottind, 7-6, 6-1; S Glickstein (Isr) boat S Denton 6-1, 6-7, 6-0.

BASKETBALL EUROPEAN CUP WHATERS' CUP: Querter-ling: Chone Zegreb 81, Saturn Cologne 72. KORAC CUP: Tours (Fr) 99, Sibenik (Yug) 83, Red Star Belgrade 89, Juventus Caserta (K) 89, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Until Jazz 107.
Cloveland Cavelers 105' Atlanta Hawks 94, Washington Bullets 63; Boston Celtics 102, New York Kricks 107; Chicago Bulle 66, Milwayses Buctos 66; Houston Rockets 123, Phoenis Suras 110; Portland Trail Biczers 102, Seattle Supersorics 68; New Jorney Nets 133, Gottlen State Warriors 122; Detroit Pistons 186, Deriver Naggels 184.

HANDBALL RATOWICE: WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION. SHIPS: Group & Dermark 20, Spain 15, Butgeria 19, Sweden 17; East Germany 20, Romania 18, GROUP & Czechosłowskie 22, Romania 18, Robertana 20, Wool Germany 17, Poland 11.

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH. Finland 4.
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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Prosburgh Poncurs 3,
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Black Hawks 1: Vancouver Canucks 6, Quebec
Nordiques 2.

TENNIS

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia: IBF crusten chempionship: Manen Camel (US) bt i Macdonald (US), tec little round. Island rejected

The Rugby League are not going ahead with moves to start the game in the Isle of Man. The Management Committee, meeting in Leeds yesterday, considered a preliminary approach from a group of people on the Island, but decided not to pursue the matter. Keighley and Swinton are to be reprintanted by the League after being involved in a brawl during their John Player Trophy tie on November 20.

Salnikov heads Soviet team Moscow (AFP) - Vladimir Salnikov, holder of the world 400

metres and 1,500 metres freestyle records, leads the Soviet Union's team for the European Cup short-course meeting in Ankara this weekend

MER: V Selnskov, S Sminagune, A Pakovski, S Krasnikk, M Voškov, R Joulpa, S Zabolomov, V Snemetov, M Taratsov, S Fessenko, A WORSEN: S KOCHMON, I Valecheva, T KLITIKON, L Belocon, O Zienkova, V Klochko, E Sasanakma, E Dendeberova.

E Sastavakma, E Dendeberova.

BERLIN: Utc. Geweniger, the Wemen's world record holder for 100 metres breaststroke and 200 metres individual medley, is absent from the East German team. In the men's team is Jorg Woithe. the 100 metres freestyle Olympic champion

MEN: J Wother, S Lees, R Buitgerek, T Dresder, D Richter, F Bathusch, U Desser, L Harnoburg, R Stemal, Wottelle, B Monekle, A Sonnenbrodt, S Homer, I Godsler, I Rober, G Sten, P Schmider, U Zertass, S Link,



Olsen at Old Trafford yesterday: "My favourite club since I was a schoolboy."

# Olsen in agreement with United

Jesper Olsen, the Danish inter-national, made his first trip to Manchester yesterday and was taken on a conducted tour of Old Trafford. Afterwards Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman, said: "We have agreed a three-year contract with Jesper but certain formalities are still to be sorted out with his club, Ajax.

Olsen seems committed to joining United and is obviously looking forward to playing in England. He said. "I have had no problem with Ajax. They know they are losing me. Manchester United have been my favourite club since I was a schoolboy and I am delighted to be coming here."

Olsen has had some problems

with an ankle injury, but he said: "I don't think an operation will be necessary. The main problem is that

But, despite Olsen's enthusiasm for a transfer to United, Mr Edwards said: "I don't know when he will reach a final decision with his club."

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day's live television coverage of the match will not produce a slump in the Old Trafford attendance.

Perhaps televising this game is more likely to effect attendances around the country on Saturday. Luton

The Manchester United attack for riday night's television game switched their games to Sunday.

The Friday match - the first to be Friday night's television game against Tottenham Hotspur will include Norman Whiteside, Garth shown live by the BBC - should give a cleared indication of the effect of Crooks is prevented from facing his former colleagues by a clause in his loan transfere from Tottenham. live football on attendances than the Arnold Murhen comes into contention for a midfield place after a month out of action with a calf injury. He has withdrawn from a midweek reserve game in case he is needed as United re-shuffle to cover To the end of November

aggregate attendances were only marginally down on last season – at 6.786.932. Taking into account the postponed first division programme the probable absence of their central defender. Gordon McQueen, because of injury.

The Tottenham forward, Steve Archibald, has a 50-50 chance of recovering from injury to play – Alan Brazil stands by. Ossic Ardiles will not be risked after only three reserve team outings.

United are confident that Friedrich and the position. Interpretation of the effect of television, live or otherwise, on gates is therefore hazardous. on October 8, the figures indicate

The two-year agreement with the television companies is due for re-appraisal at the end of the season. No changes are anticipated by League officials at the moment.

Tuesday night's football results

ALLIANCE PREMER LEAGUE Beb Lord Trophy: Second round, second log: Barnet 2, Westdstone 3 (agg 5-4).

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Redknapp impressed by Windsor

By Paul Newman Harry Redknapp, the manager of Bournemouth, was a relieved man after his side had earned a goalless draw at Windsor and Eton in the second round of the FA Cup on Tuesday night.

Tuesday night.
Redknapp said he had been dreading the visit to the Isthmian League club's Stag Meadow ground and added: "I was very impressed with Windsor and if they work as hard again at our place they will still be difficult to beat."

The replay takes place at Dean Court on Monday night and Geoff Chapple. Windsor's manager, con-ceded that Bournemouth must now be the favourites to earn a place in the third round at home to Manchester United. But he added: They're not there yet and I'm sure they realize it. I don't think they'll get a harder game in the third

The Isthmian League side were a match for their third division opponents in every respect but created few openings after the first 10 minutes. Bournemouth, who were on top for much of the first half but were well held in the second come detect to breaking the second, came closest to breaking the deadlock three minutes into injury tume, when Lee hit a post. In other second round ties or

Tuesday night Rochdale achieved a remarkable result when they won 2-O away to York City, the fourth division leaders, and Blackpool beat Bangor City 2-1 in 'a replay. Rochdole, for whom Johnson scored twice, had recorded only one away victory in the previous 18 months. Bangor's hopes of meeting Manchester City in the third round were dashed by a seventy-second minute winner by Stewart at Boomfield Road.

# three games Hales could pep up his team's promotion push, which has seen them climb to fifth place Hamburg in back taxes

bases, as a professional man, I cannot continue to be associated

with it.

Derek Hales has recovered from a

groin strain and is included in Charlton Athletic's 16-man squad

wrangle

Hamburg (Reuter) - The European champions, Hamburg, whose troubles seem to keep growing on and off the field, were yesterday ordered to pay more than £240,000 in back taxes. Hamburg city financial authorities said the club had claimed too much tax exemption for spending on their youth team and on two sports centres between 1976 and 1982. centres between 1976 and 1982. Despite ending their most successful season by winning the European Cup and West German championship, the club lost more than £100,000 and are reported to

hamburg out of this season's European Cup and defeated by Gremio, of Bearl, in the world club championship on Sunday, have slumped from top to fourth place in the league in recent weeks, while their home gates have fallen

alarmingly.

The club treasurer, Helmut Kallman, said Hamburg had not tried to evade taxes. The tax decision had been expected, and money had been put aside to meet the demand. Eintracht Bruswick, also of the

Budesligz, have been foiled in a grove to change their name to that of a Schnapps drink, to increase sponsorship. An arbitration panel have announced an injuction banning Branswick, I.Im in debt. from renaming themselves PTSV Jaconneister.

 The disciplinary committee of UEFA today make a second attempt to decide whether the Italian club. Inter Milan, attempted to bribe the Dutch side, Groningen. Groningen reported a month ago that Hans Berger, the manager, was offered more than £50,000 to ensure the club lost a EUFA Cup second round leg match against Inter, in Bari on November 2

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spectators booed and threatened violence as India plunged to a humiliating defeat by an innings and 46 runs in the fifth Test against West Indies, here yesterday. Armed police had to guard the Indians after they were all out for 90 before lunch. the lowest ever by India against the West Indies.
The state-owned television had to

out short an interview with the Indian captain Kapii Dev as worried police officers asked the television commentators to get indoors. The crowd threw oranges and eggs they had brought for their lunch, whenever they spotted an Indian cricketer. One of the victims of the \$20.000 strong crowd? of the 80,000 strong crowd's fury was Sunil Gavaskar's wife, who was being interviewed along with Clive Lloyd's wife, an orange hit her and she had to cut short her interview. The West Indies fast bowler.
Malcolm Marshall, ran through the
Indian second innings batting
finishing with his Test best analysis
of six for 37 off 15 overs, four of which were maidens. The man of the Match Award went to Lloyd, whose masterly 161 not out in the West Indies first innings had largely contributed to the Caribbrean

The result was the culmination of a splendid fight-back by West Indies, who left India bitterly Indies, who left India bitterly reflecting that they let slip a good position. West Indies were reeling on 88 for five in reply to India's first innings of 241 but recovered to make 377 essentially on the strength of Lloyd's innings. The touring team's fast bowlers swiftly pressed home the advantage, despite the prospect of any early finish, Eden Gardens was packed almost to its capacity when Malbotra and Shastri resumed.

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It seemed for a while as if the optimism of Calcutta's cricket enthusiasts was justified as the pair held out for almost half an bour

Marshall and was caught behind by

stand of 27 - the biggest of the innings - with Binny Who, just before Malhotra's dismissal, was dropped at the wicket off Marshall. But Binny did not profit too much from this reprieve. He slashed at one of the few loose balls Marshall bowled during the morning and was spectacularly caught, low and one-handed, by Harper at third slip, Earlier in the same over Kinnyl Devi Earlier in the same over, Kapil Dev went without scoring when he was caught in two minds by a bouncer from Marshall. He shaped to hook

a catch to Dujon.

Roberts ended the match by bowling Kirmani. The West Indian fast bowler, who took three wickets in the first innings, would not have got on to bowl but for the fact Davis suffered no-ball problems and had

10 be taken off after only two overs

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Second Innings
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A D Gabahar c Dujon B Holberg
D B Venssahar L B W 5 Marshall
M Anarrigan b Holding
S Vaday 6 Marshall
A O Marhotra c Dujon b Marshall
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analysea) MCMAN TEST PARTY: S M Ghaveskar, A D Gaekwad, D B Vengsarker, Navjot Singh, A D Maitortar, Gurstaran Singh, R J Sasth, R H Nimy, TS M H Kirmani, C Starma, R Kulkarni, S Yadav, Maninder Singh, L Siveramaknishnen,

optimism of Carchies's Creases against the West Indies in Gaunatic on Saturday. He has withdrawn from the 13-man party announced before Marshall broke through bowling Shastri. Malhoura attacked anything that was pitched up to him and hit five fours to take his score from the overnight two to 30 when he recklessly cut at short ball from the 13-man party announced last weekend after complaining of prated on three years ago.

India will also be without Gavaskar, who asked the selectores not to consider him.

# Willey to the rescue Willey, scored 45. He and Emslie, not out 50, rescued the side from 52 for five after the West Indian's fast bowler, Hardey Alleyne, had taken three wickets for seven runs in four

the close of play.

Eastern Province, 72 shead on first innings and 25 for two overnight, collapsed and were all out for 161. Alvin Kallicharran, only an occasional spin bowler, took

# Differences that are familiar

By Conrad Voss Bark

"Many English fisherman are looked upon by Americans as being professional eccentrics," said the ise and witty New Yorker over dinner in Parma's on Third Avenue. timer in rarias son into Avenue. The remark was a compliment. To be an eccentric is not entirely difficult on either side of the Allantic. To be a professional eccentric is not far short of an The American approach to an Schierement has similarities to one

own. We are, as it were, recogniza-bly cousins. We make a point of our respective quirks and oddities. What respective quirks and oddities. What can one say, for example, about fishing a dry fly two and a half inches long by drifting it downstream from a canoe? Halford never even thought of it. Neither did Skass. It is certainly original; and are not originals at least partly on their way to the eccentric?

Or what is one to say about the use of a tippet twenty feet long? Is it not, as Dr Johnson might have said, somewhat of an extravagance? And extravagances have been the mark ni eccentrics ever since Cyrano de

The point that is worth making is that American ingenuity and inventiveness are worth more than an occasional acknowledgment from hidehound islanders. We own them a great deal. We are inclin take for granted the blessings of the Grey Wuiff, the Muddler Minnow, the plastic line and the graphite rod; yet we would make a mistake if we become that the control of t thought that because we had borrowed so much from the Americans our methods of fishing It is true that without too much

difficulty we can recognize an American in his vest and waders and tennis-racquet net as being a fly fisherman, but that is about as far as it should go. He is most likely to be fishing a river where size and power is ning a river where size and power is unknown in our island, which contain fish of a kind we do not have, and insects which, like American footballers, are large, ferncious and unfamiliar.

It was, you may remmber, Theodore Gordon who said that Mr Halford's flies were no good on American rivers. A hundred years have proved Mr Gordon correct. You are far more likely to get a Detort trout to take a cress bug than an orange quill. As for the enormous trout of the Yellowstone and the son – they are different beings

Yet, whether you are fishing a hopper or a humpy, in a river that is in every way dissimilar to anything you have known, there are recognizable affiliaties. You come across them one by one - a trout on the fin in the Rapidan which bears a close resemblance to its fellow-countryman on the Itchen, the drift of a fly, a curl of water, a familiar rise - and without being aware of the gap of 4,000 miles or so you are suddenly at home.

That is, of course, the considerable advantage of fishing in America. The Englishman's singularity of behaviour, if that is what eccentricity means, may well be rounded by Americana with anneces. regarded by Americans with amusement, but it is an amusement post.

considerably tinged with affection.

Dujon. Malhotra shared a seventh wicket but checked his shop and top-edged

Total() ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-29, 3-29, 4-33, 5-36, 6-50, 7-77, 8-77, 9-80, 10-90. BOWLING: Murshell 15-437-8; Holding 9-3-29-3; Davis 2-0-7-0; Roberts 4-1-11-1.

India's captain, Kapil Dev wil miss the fifth one-day international against the West Indies in Gauhati

Port Elizabeth (AP) - The West Indian rebels yesterday drew their three-day match against Eastern Province. Needing 234 to win in 126 minutes and 20 overs, the West Indians had scored 181 for seven by

OVETS.
SCORES: Eastern Province 314 and 161 (O Emsile 50 not out; H L Alayne 4 for 26, A / Kallicherna 4 for 26; West inclan 30 242 for 7 dee and 181 for 7.

Hobert, Tasmenia (Reuter) – The Palistan captein, Imman Khan, who plays in he first match of the Australian tour against Tasmenia here on Friday, vestenday confirmed that he would not be able to bowl in the final two Text matches against Australia. Invan hell a stress describe at the shift. four for 26.

The former England batsman,

Fishing

# EQUESTRIANISM Last Resort could give Broome a lift

Sestrieres, Italy (AP) - Maria Rosa Quario, Italy's Main hope for a medal in the Olympic, skied superbly yesterday on her home slope, to upset the Swiss favourite. Enka Hess, in the second women's

special slalom of the World Cup.
Miss Quario, from Milan, recorded
her fourth World Cup win, clockig
the fastest time in the first run down

In the second heat, the diminu-

tive Italian checked a strong comeback by the Austrian, Roswi-tha Steine, who finished 0.33sec

behind the winner, skiing the second

Whitaker: riding high

Gary Gillespie of Scotland will

not be riding his top horse Goldlink, who is injured. Instead he will be

trying out a new horse, Wake Up, a recent purchase from Paul Schocke-

mohle.
The other shortlisted riders competing are Tony Newbury. Steven Smith, Lesley McNaught, David Bowen and Michael Whitaker. They will face opposition from abroad particularly from Thomas Fruhmann, of Austria, who has had a selected indoor to some an area.

a splendid indoor season so far and is at the head of the European

the Kandahar course.

By Jenny MacArthur David Broome, with his top horse, the Irish bred Last Resort, is among the 24 riders competing at

the twelfth Olympia international show jumping championship which starts tonight and continues until Monday.

The show, which is sponsored by Cognac Courvoisier, Norwich Union and Radio Rentals, provides a unique blend of Christmas fun events as in the jumping with riders

events as in the jumping with inters involving themselves as much in the fun events as in the jumping.

With the loss of the Easter Birmingham show. Olympia now provides the only British qualifying round (Saturday afternoon) for the Volvo World Cup Holland final in Broome is lying third in the European World Cup league, one place behind his sister, Liz Edgar, if

Last Resort continues to produce his early autumn form - he won the qualifier at Amsterdam in October -Broome could climb even higher. Although Broome has qualified for the final before, he has never had success in the World Cup. "It's always been a disaster, but I think "ve got a good chance now with Last Resort," he said yesterday. Last Resort." Broome will also be riding Mr Ross at the show and on Sunday evening he will formally retire his great partner Philco. now 16.

Other British riders include all seven of those shortlisted for the Olympics headed by John Whitaker, Olympics headed by John Whitaker, the European silver medalist, who had his most successful year ever. With his top horse, Next Collectables, Ryan's Son, who he will be riding at Olympia, he has topped both the combined national and international winnings and is also the leading international money winner. Another of his rides, the winner. Another of his rides, the Portuguese stallion Novilheiro has more nomey nationally than any other horse.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

# North seize advantage

By George Chesterton

Northern Schools. Southern Schools .....

Despite starting favourites, the Southern Schools went down to the Northern schools on the Bank of England ground, at Rochampton yesterday. In the opening stages, there was little to chose between the two sides, althought the North seemed to show rather more purpose. The first goal came when Carr received a headed pass from Sadler, and placed a long, curling shot into the top corner of the net. Carr nearly made it 2-0 moments

Tapper, who had played such a major part in helping Chigwell win the six a side competition on Tuesday, was well marked, but always threatened when he received

The North dominated in the period before half-time. being quicker to the ball, and showing more control. Hunter would have scored, but for a superb reflex save by Bail to deflect the ball round the

The South showed greater

urgency in the early stages of the second half, Gates being particularly constructive. Twice he put Tapper through, but he was thwarted by good positional play from Crum mett. Tapper then intercepted a pass, raced up the right and crossed for Watson to head just wide.
A corner at the other end of the

field was only partly cleared, and

provides the first big jumping class

Hunter, who played well through-out, firmly headed home, to make The South were not yet done. although both sides were beginning to feel the rigours of the sixes competition. Gates headed wide from a corner, and Girdlestone put Tapper through for one final effort, but to no avail.

NORTHERN SCHOOLS: S Crummett (Manchester GS), A Watson (DE GS), M Crawly (Manchester GS), M Joymson (Bury GS), C Dolderson (DE GS), D Hurter (DE GS), M Seder (Woherhampton GS), J Darby (Bottor), A Baler (Woherhampton GS), M Carr (Manchester GS), J Hueselbee (Wolverhamp-ton GS) SOLITHERN SCHOOLS: P Ball (Militeld); R Harnack (Forest School), D Mackey (KES Wilder), G Link (Hampton), R Gardestone (Hampton), M Gutes (Militeld), E Gilbert (Malvern), S Harris (Malvern), J Vaughan (Malvern), R Tapper (Chigwell), C Elliott (Green)

touring international competition.

Team: N E C Molyneux (Surrey), K E Charley
(Devon), S Belther (Easex), R J Brasiley
(Stropothre), M J Brister (Mitshira), I R M
Brown (Surrey), J H Carmichael (Morcastarshire), A Chown (Surrey), D Cooper
(Hampshire), N C Crawniaw (Warnicshire), C W A Curningham (Hampshire), P Drew
(Buckinghampshire), E P J Harrison (Surrey),
R M Maighter (Surfey), J R Killian
(Warnickshire), V Robertshew (Yorkshire), A St
G Tucker (Surrey), L T Wicker (Sussex), A
Wombell (Sussex),

with last Thursday's downhill in Val D'Isere, France, in which Miss Hess was eleventh. The combined and the fifth place in the slalom gave Miss Hess 111 points, ahead of the Wast German Vistaria, Iran Fanla away controversies triggered by recent poor showings from Italian skiers, said she was nervous at the West German veteran, Irene Epple, the previous leader, who gained 10 points from the combined, but none from the slatom. Miss Epple finished thirtysecond, about nine

skiers, said she was nervous at the start.
Yesterday's losers will have the opportunity for quick revenge in another statom, at Piancavallo, in north east Italy. The organizers will again use artificial snow.
SPECIAL STATOM 1, MR Courto (M), 1min 37,55sec. 2, R Subner (Austria), 137,993, 3, M Hess (Switz), 1-38,81; 8, M Tanka (Pon, 1-39,42; 7, C Cooper (US), 1-29,47; 8, N Tone (Yogol, 1-39,49; 9, A Zavaday (Yugol, 1-39,84; 10, B Gadent (Switz), 1-30,97; 11, O Chervatova (CA), 1-40,465; 12, P Magoni (M), 1-40,48; 13, L Pripo (R), 1-40,98; 14, B Gratowa (Pol), 1-51,48

Grabowskii (Pol), 1:41.be; 1a, v. 1-14.48.
COMBBNED: Val D'Isera and yesterday: 1, 5
Hess, 22,16pte; 2, L. Soltmer (Austria), 44.40; 3,
Cooper, 48.41; 4, Chervatove, 50.42; 5, M Garg
(WO), 69.36.
WORLD CUP: 1, E Hess, 111 pte; 2, I Epple
(WO), 90; 2, M Walkser (Switz), 51; equal 4, H
Wanzel (Lioch) and Sößmer, 47.

was an admirable and often thrilling advertisement for the game.

These are big men but they kept out of each other's way and

concentrated on playing squash rather than trying to score psycho-logical points. Briars tired after the

third game but them managed to take something of a breather. The ball cooled down, changing its nature during thetwo minute interval before the fifth game, in

which Briars made a more adept adjustment to the variation.

adjustment to the variation.

Kenyon was given a hard match
by Neil Harvey but was slightly the
tidier in maintaining a hot pace and
exploiting the court's length and
width. Briars beat Kenyon in their
only tratch this season and the
game has more variety. But he may
be a little supresple mentally and

be a little vulnerable, mentally and

physically, after the strenuous and

worrying matches he has been forced to play. Logic suggests that Briars is more likely to win a short

Davis Cup in China

Peking (Reuter) - China will host a Davis Cup tie for the first time when they play Sri Lanka in Canton

Miss Hess, who had triumphed in two previous cup races, finished fifth. The defending world sialom champion skied a poor second run, and lagged 0.95sec behind. However, she clinched victory in the combined standings, and took undisputed leadership in the overall plant and skith respectively.

Christine Cooper, of Idaho, ws the best American, in seventh place, the best American, in seventh place, the best American, in seventh place, combined standings, and took the defending world Cup champion, Tamara Mcluney, of California tourin and skith respectively.

**SQUASH RACKETS** 

# **Encounter of third** kind for rivals

more seriously challenged. Briars indeed has twice been taken to five games: by Robert Forde and, in a semi-final by Geoff Williams. Briars took 83 minutes to beat Williams 9-6, 9-2, 6-9, 0-9, 9-2 in a match that

A total of £3,525 will be at stake when the finals of the British national championships, sponsored by Just Juice, are played this evening at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield. For the third consecutive year Gawain Briars and Philip Kenyon will contest the men's final. Kenyon won in 1981, Briars last year. For the first time (though it

Miss Quario: She let no-one stand in her way yesterday

Flawless display by Italian

seconds behind the winner.

Mouika Hess, Erika's cousin, made the podium in third place, 0.62sec behind, and Dorata and Malgorzata Tialka, the Polish twins, finished fourth and sixth respectively.

Should have happened a year ago)
Lisa Opic will play Martine le
Moignan in the women's final,
Miss Opic, aged 20, and Miss le Moignan, ten months her senior, were both born in Guernsey and have been close rivals since they took up the game almost a decade ago. Miss Opic has the edge, won this title in 1981 and tends to be

Miss le Moignan, a runner up in 1980 and 1982 has been out of competition since October because of problems with her back and a hamstring. But the break seems to have done her good. She is hungry for points, her concentration has increased and she is less more to a improved and she is less prone to a sudden rash of loose shots than she

used to be.

Miss le Moignan is deceptively facile in her use of the side walls, but Miss Opic is slightly more versatile and flexible. Both won their semi-finals with impressive ease, Miss Opic against Ruth Strauss and Miss le Moignan against Angela Smith. Miss Opie will probably win what should be a close final.

Briars and Kenyon have been

World Cup league after his win at the Bordeaux qualifier earlier this month on Arizona. Schockemoble and Gerd Wiltfang, of West Germany, have withdrawn from the show but their country will be ably represented by Michael Ruping, who won the Berlin World Cup qualifier with Silbersee last month. SHOOTING Tonight is a gala performance is aid of the British Internationa Equestrian team to Los Angeles.
Angela Rippon and Jimmy Hill are
among the celebrities competing in
the Olympic relay after which the
Norwich Union Turkey Stakes

Setting off to win back the

Empire trophy By Our Shooting Correspondent The National Rifle Association is The National Rifle Association is sending a Great Britain team to Australia and New Zealand during January and February, the first Antipedes four for four years, during which they hope to win back the Empire Challenge Trophy which Britain lost to Canada at Bisley in

The Empire match, fired at irregular intervals because it is only shot when an Australian team is present in any of the Common wealth countries, will be a central feature of the tour, at Brisbane on February 6. Before that, the team, which starts off in Wellington, New

Zealand, will meet Canada, Austra-lia and New Zealand in an international the end of the New Zealand championships, on January The British captain is Lieutenant-Colonel H J Orpen-Smellic, Para-chute Regiment, who was captain of the Army VIII for 14 years and has a wide experience of both home and touring international competition.

China News Agency said yesterday. BADMINTON

### **English players** are on the receiving end

Jakarta (Reuter) - China's two All-England badminton champions. Zhang Ailing and Luan Jin, won their opening matches in the grand prix finals in contrasting fashion last night.

Helen Troke, of England, the Commonwealth champion, was left helpless by the speed and all-court

excellence of Zhang, who raced to an 11-4, 11-3 victory in just 12 minutes. In another group A match in the eight-women event, Kirsten Larsen, of Denmark, inflicted a second defeat on the England team by beating Sally Podger 11-4, 11-8.

Luan also made a good start in his attempt to win the men's title but had to dig deep into his reserves to defea the unfancied Ong Beng Teong, of Malaysia, 15-11, 15-9.

MEN'S SINGLES: Group & Luan Jin (China) bt Ong Beng Teong (Mat) 15-11, 15-9. Group B: P Paulaens (Inda) 15-11, 15-9. Group B: P Paulaens (Inda) 15-11, 15-9. Group B: P Paulaens (Inda) 15-15. Group B: P Tan Bingyl (China) bt Histonio Arbi (Indo) 15-8, 15-7. Group D: N Yates (Eng) bt leak Sugistic (Indo) 15-2, 15-7. Group B: P Paulaens Group B: P Tan Bingyl (China) 15-11, 15-4. WOMEN'S SINGLES: Group A: Zhang Alang (China) bt H Troks (Eng) 11-4, 11-3; K Larsen (Den) bt S Podger (Eng) 11-4, 11-3; K Larsen (Eng) 11-4, 11-5. by beating Sally Podger 11-4, 11-8.

Strong entry

The Japan open badminton championships, to be held in Tokyo from January 18 to 22, will feature many top players, including the 1983 world champion, Icuk Sugiarto, of Indonesia, and Jane Webster, of England,

# Rude awakening for sleepy Britons

From Sydney Friskin Hoogkong

The British team went to bed on Tuesday night probably thinking they had done enough by beating Malaysia 3-2 in Group B of the ten nations hockey tournament here. But yesterday they had a rude awakening when they were beaten by South Korea and now have an enormous task on their hands for a

place in the semi-finals. completed their group fixtures have a goal difference of plus two whereas Britain's goal difference at present stands at minus three. This means that in order to finish ahead of Malaysia Britain will have to beat

China by six clear goals.

Malaysia, lodged a protest against the award of Pakistan's second goal yesterday but as they were questioning the umpire's judgment questioning the umpire's jungment rather than a mistake on a point of law they were overruled. But all these arguments cannot hide the fact Britam's performance against the Koreans was disappointing. Perhaps they under-estimated the oppo-

Whether they did or did not their whole approach in the first half lacked purpose and meaning. The defenders were caught napping and the Koreans, from being 1-0 down suddenly went 3-1 up in the second half. Although

There were a few occasions in the first half when the half chance was not seized but when three players,

not enough time for the equaliser. From the nine short corners carned

not seized but when lines players, Kerly, Hughes and Leman failed to score from Batchelor's centre and the ball was scrambled away by a lunging stick. Something seemed to have gone wrong. This was not the same side that had parried and tormented the Malaysians

Eventually Britain went ahead in If Britain beat China today they
the 32nd minute. There was a free
will have the same number of points
as Malaysia, who yesterday lost 2-0
Batchelor pushed the ball into the
middle and Leman pounced on it to
completed their group fixtures have
a goal difference of plus two whereas

Second half the Koreans drew level through their centre forward Jone Yul-Han, who showed a remarkable turn of speed and popped the ball into goal. The same player put them in fromt four minutes later and soon after Soon Ho-Shin also picked up the trail to put them 3-1 in front.

in the last desperate minutes In the last desperate minutes Kerly scored from a short corner to revive Britain's spirits but their efforts to save the say did not materialise and the Koreans hung on to will.

Woman of

the year

wins award

By Lewine Mair

Jill Thornhill, the 1983 British match-play champion, yesterday received the Avia Watches Women Galler of the Year award to Lundon. The presentation was made by Mary Backieses

Parkinson.

Mrs Thornhill, whose busband,
John, was a scratch golfer for 20
years, has had a string of successes
this year to set alongside the British
title she won at Silloth. In April she
won the Avia Foursomes with Jill
Nicolson, of Scotland. The following
month she gained her tenth Surrey
title and in October won the Welsh
monney's oner strokenbay cham-

women's open stroke-play cham-

women's open stroke-play cham-pionship.

Mrs Thorabill said that her immediate aim was to make the British side for the Curtis Cup to be played at Muirfield on June 8 and 9. She is on the short list of 13 from which the team is to be chosen and one suspects that here will be the first name on the selectors' lists when things are finalized

when things are finalized

24 mts.

23 pts ..

221/2 pts ...

### **TENNIS** Lloyd back to his very worst

Sydney (Agencies) - John Lloyd was surprisingly beaten 7-6, 6-2 by Bruce Derlin, a New Zealand qualifier, in the second round of the New South Wales Open here yesterday. In the previous round Lloyd had beaten the No I seed, Vitas Gerulaitie, the straight seed. Vitas Gerulaitis, in straight sets.

Lloyd is, for the first six years, in the world's top 100 and should certainly have beaten Derlin, who is ranked 251. Consistency, however, has never been Lloyd's strength Another qualifier to do well here the American, Robert Seguso. For the second successive day, he put

out a seed. Three other seeds were defeated yesterday. Two were Swedes - Henrik Sundstrom, No 4, who lost 6-3, 6-4 to the Austrian Feigl, and Stefan Edberg, No 14, who was defeated 6-4, 6-3 by Miloslav Mecir. The other, Chip Hooper, No 13, was beaten 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 by Lloyd

when tamps are meanten

Earlier this month, Mrs Thornhill and the other Curtis Cup

"possibles" had a weekend's
training with John Jacobs. There is
to be a further training weekend at
Multickl before the Curtis Cup side
is announced. By then, Mrs
Thornhill hopes that she will have
learnt much more about her swing
and become more consistent.

IN BRIEF

### BBC cricket contract is renewed

Channel Four's attempt to break the BBC monopoly in televised cricket has failed. The Corporation have renewed their contract with the Test and County Cricket Board exclusively to cover Test cricket and major domestic and international one-day competitions in the United Kingdom for the next three years. BBC television's head of sport.

Mr Jonathan Martin, said contract is an acknowledgment of the quality of our coverage in the past, and it recognizes the commit-ment across the whole range of the sport" The BBC plan to gi coverage of this winter's Test seeries

and one-day international between New Zealand and England. MUGBY LEAGUE: The Hull scrum half Kevin Harkin, aged 31, is to retire. He lost his place to the Australian international player Peter Sterling recently and was transfer listed at £10,000. The market is dead, and there seems little chance of getting a move, so I little chance of getting a move, so I think it's best to call it a day". BOXING: The former world welterweight and light middleweight champion, Sugar Ray Leonard, who announced last week that he was to return to boxing, may not be granted a licence to fight in New York State, (AP reports). Mr John Branca, the chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, said the organization was worned

said the organization was worned about surgery performed on Leo-nard for a detached retina in May, OLYMPIC GAMES: The civic authorities of Barcelona have launched a plan to stage the 1992 Olympic Games, hoping that the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's historic voyage to America will help their campaign. "We are hoping that the anniversary will swing the vote in our favour"

the mayour, Mr Pasqual Maragall said in presenting an official working paper on the project.

CYCLING French classic wins reprieve

Paris (Reuter) - The intervention of a wealthy French builder has saved France's second most important classic, the Dauphine Libere, the organisers said yesterday. Last week, the organizers of the eight-day race, which is sponsored by the Grenoble-based newspaper of the same name, said next year's race, scheduled to begin on May 28, had been cancelled because of cash Yesterday it was announced that

it would go ahead, after talks with Guy Merlin, who heads a holiday home construction company. Ther race is ranked second only to the Tour De France. It was first run in 1947, and is useful form guide for the Tour De France.

Stockholm (AFP) - Britain is among nine countries to have been invited to send a national amateur team to compete in the 1984 Tour of Sweden, from June 13 to 20.

ATHLETICS

SPORT

### Across the sea to Ireland for Ovett

By Pat Butcher

Steve Ovett is making the most of his first full winter's training in three years. He is due to race in the Mallusk international cross-country in Belfast – sponsored by the Milk in Belfast - sponsored by the Muke Marketing Board - on January 7, after his victory in another cross-country race in his home town of Brighton last month, and his fourth place in a top class road race in London 10 days ago. The Mallunk race is in its eighth year, and has had

some impressive winners, inleuding John Treasy, the former world champion. Brendan Foster, and Overtim 1979.

Last year's winner was David Taylor, the new Irish No 1 crosscountry runner, and the organizers country runner, and the organizers are boping that the early announcement of Ovett's participation will make the race even more attractive to Treacy and Taylor. The only other top name for the moment is Jon Richards, the outstanding English junior who finished third in the world championships in Gatashead earlier this year.

Richards did even better on the

shead earlier this year.

Richards did even better on the track, when he ran away with the European Junior 5,000 metres title.

Injuries and illness have conspired to ruin Ovett's lest two winters, but he is now well on route the standard of the constitution of the

The last time that Overty competed in Northern Ireland was when he turned up at the last minute for the United Kingdom track and field championships at Antrim in 1981, and became the centre of a heated assument with Antim in 1981, and became the centre of a heated argument with officials who were kept maware of his late entry.

• Carlos Lopez, the 22 year-old former world champion, has withdrawn from the Rank Xerox international cross-country race at lipswich on Saturday because he is not fit.



Ovett: back in form

# TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
FOOTBALL
Second Division
Chariton Athletic v Leads United (7.45)
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Divisions Stoke City
v Blackturn Rovers (7.0), Second Divisions
Notic County v Worlspringpion Wanderers,
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: RAP v CM
Service (RAF Unbridge, 2.0),
RUGBY UNION
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Leaden Univer-

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH; Lon div v Websh Universities (Motsput OTHER SPORT SNOCKER; World Doubles former Northampton 2.0 and 7.0), SOUASH RACKETS: British closed of hip (at Abbaydale Park SEC Sheffeald I HOCKEY; Inter-Service Indoor tourne RAF Meanty, 8.30).

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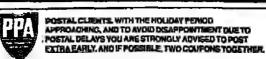
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Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment delivered December 13]

incident should not be the subject of

consecutive sentences and where

rircumstances demanded it cumu-

lative or consecutive sentences should be imposed. The Court of Appeal so stated

when allowing in part an appeal by Vincent James Dillon, aged 33, a roofer, against sentences totalling 30 months' imprisonment imposed on

him at Acton Crown Court (Judge Palmer and lav justice) on

Palmer and lay justice) on committal for sentence after pleading guilty at Willesden Magistrates' Court to driving while unfit

through drink, contrary to section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, taking a vehicle without consent or lawful

authority, contrary to section 12(1) of the Theft Act 1968, driving

without insurance and driving while disqualifed, contrary respectively to sections 143 and 99(b) of the 1972

Act. On the appeal the total sentences, which had been imposed

for the offences other than uninsured driving, were reduced to 18 months' imprisonment.

Mr Antony Shaw, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for

Mr JUSTICE FARQUHARSON,

imposed were in excess of jurisdic-tion but totalled 30 months. They

were then varied to six months for the section 5 offence, 12 months for the section 12(1) offence and 12

months for the section 99(b)

offence, all consecutive, so that the

total remained as before.

The appellant, who had spent lunch time, afternoon and evening in a public house, then remembered to make his

that he had arranged to meet his

unit he had arranged to meet his wife from her work and left the public house at 9 pm, too late to reach her in time by walking.

By way of curing his difficulty he looked for and found a car with ignition keys in it. He took it and drove on the North Circular Road in Willesden His driving was exercise.

in Willesden. His driving was erratic and he was arrested. His blood-al-cohol concentration was 2½ times

the statutory maximum.

He had numerous convictions,

appaining record.

Matters urged in his favour were that it was some extent mitigating that he was going to collect his wife because of some dangers attending young women walking home in the

evening. That had an air of unreality since he had spent the whole

afternoon drinking and he could have gone for his wife at any time.

Before Lord Justice Stephenson.

[Judgment delivered December 6]

but, like his wife or his child, as a person who might reasonably be expected to be affected by the provision of the glass panel, a duty

to take such care as was reasonable

in all the circumstances to see that he was reasonably safe from personal injury caused by the glass

The Court of Appeal so held in a

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an enpeal by Liverpool City Council from a judgment dated May 6, 1982, of Judge Nance, sitting as a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division, whereby judgment was given for the plaintiff, Mr John Rimmer, for \$12.500, as damages for personal

2.500 as damages for personal

Mr Christopher Rose, QC and Mr J. F. Appleton for the council; Mr Michael Morland. QC and Mr D. M. Harris for Mr Rimmer.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN-SON, giving the judgment of the court, said that on December 28, 1975, Mr Rimmer while on his way from the lounge to the kitchen

tripped over some toys of his little boy and fell forward. He put his left land forward to try to save himself and put it through a glass panel thereby sustaining injuries to his hand and wrist.

hard and wrist.

The accident occurred at a flat which Mr Rimmer had taken from the council on a weekly tenancy in May 1974. The flat was one of a

block of 24 in Boundary Street East,

Liverpool, built by the council,

Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord

. There was no universal rule that

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**Consecutive sentences** 

foroffences

from same incident

Regina v Dillon

Also urged in his favour was that the had a good job as a roofer and the had a good job as a roofer and was earning good money. On the other hand one could not help but

echo the judge when he spoke about the potential danger of somebody driving a motor vehicle on a road

having consumed so much alcohol.

When one further recalled, as the Lord Chief Justice had mentioned

that it was on one of the busiest and

Road - prison sentences were

taken other people's motor cars and time and again he had driven while under the influence of drink.

Mr Shaw had attacked the

sentences on the grounds that no credit was given to the appellant's pleas of guilty before the justices and also that, where offences arose

present case - it was wrong to make

the sentences consecutive. He relied on R v Jones ((1980).2 Cr App R (S)

In the present case there were two quite distinct offences: (i) taking

somebody else's motor car for the

appellant's own private purposes; and (ii) having taken it, driving it not only while disqualified but in the condition in which he was.

Even if Jones could not be distinguished on the facts there was

added support in R v Wheatley (Sidney George) (unreported December 1, 1983) where the Court of

Appeal, while recognizing that there might be a general rule in ordinary

sentences, it was not a universal rule

it cumulative or consecutive sentences should be imposed.

That had been the position in Wheatley as it was in the present appeal.

Notwithstanding that decision Mr Shaw still submitted that,

looking at the sentences overall, their cumulative effect was that they

The court sympathized with that argument and felt moved to alter

that the matter was serious. For the

offence of driving while unfit in the circumstances, bearing in mind the amount and place, it ought to be a case where the sentence was consecutive to that for the offence of

taking a conveyance.

The sentence for driving while unfit remained at six months and also for taking a conveyance as 12

months; they would be consecutive. However, the 12 months for driving

without insurance would be concurrent. To that extent the appeal was

at some stage the architect in charge

altered the requirement to pattern glass 3mm thick.

the risk of danger to anyone stumbling against that glass.

The department was not relieved from reconsidering the position in the light of after-gained infor-

mation. The council were at fault in letting to Mr Rimmer a flat which they ought to have known contained

that foreseeably dangerous and easily substituted glass.

Those findings seemed to be soundly based on the facts and were beyond challenge in the Court of

Appeal. If there was a duty of care it was broken. The real issue raised by

was broken. The real issue raisen by the appeal was not negligence but duty. Was there a duty of care? The duty for which Mr Rimmer's counsel argued and which the judge

imposed was a duty only at

were too long.

**Council liable for injury** 

by unsafe glass panel

Rimmer v Liverpool City at one stage specified Georgian wired glass for that feature, that was wired glass 6mm thick but in 1959

udgment delivered December 6] According to Mr Rimmer's
The landowner, who designed or evidence, which was accepted by the

built a house or flat, was no more judge, he complained to a technical immune from personal responsiofficer with the council at the start bility for faults of construction than of his tenancy that the glass panel

a building contractor, or from was of danger to his five-year-old personal responsibility for faults of son because of its thinness but he design than an architect, simply was told that it was standard and because he had disposed of his nothing could be done about it.

house or flat by selling or letting it.

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Mr Justice Woolf so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on December 13 when considering an application for a writ of habeas corpus directing the governor of Durham prison to release the applicant forthwith pending his deportation.

Regina v Governor of Durham should exercise all reasonable expedition in the removal of the individual within a reasonable time otherwise it was wrong to exercise the power of detention. Mr Justice Woolf so stated in the

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# The Times guide to career development A baby need not cost you your job

One of the most unfortunate and harmful myths in the workplace is the concept of the "career woman".

Aggressive, single-minded and "unfeminine", she abandons all ambitions of family and idyllic home life to claw her way up the corporate.

Enlightened employers are re-engaging women who quit their jobs for motherhood, says life to claw her way up the corporate ladder. All other women are seen, by contrast, as unambitious, their interests revolving around home and children or grandchildren.

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Although the myth clearly bears little resemblance to the reality of today's working woman, it has a powerful effect on employers' attitudes towards any woman who does not immediately return to work, after having a child, leaving it in the hands of a baby minder. Few employment attitudes are conceived with the idea that women can be both mothers and career-minded. For this reason, most employers assume that the woman who leaves to bring up a young family is a lost employee. Contact with her ceases, a replacement is hired and the

matter forgotten.

Now, however, there is a growing recognition that this attitude can be very short-sighted and that, even after a career break of several years, there are considerable benefits on all sides to former employees picking up again where they left off. Many jobs require a substantial training effort by the employer, an investment that is lost once the employee leaves, because, on average, women now work longer before they start their families, the amount and cost of this training is constantly increasing.

Instead of using that as a reason for discriminating against women in the provision of training, culightened employers are recognising that they can recapture the benefits of the investment in such training by making provision for former employees to rejoin after a long break. There is an additional benefit in that the prospect of a return to work is an incentive for lower turnover, because women will be less tempted to emulate male colleagues and job hope

for marginal increases in salary. In theory, the main problem with such re-entry schemes is loss of skill. Technology and procedures change people's knowledge becomes rusty

### David Clutterbuck

and out of date. But in practice this seems to be much less of a difficulty than it is generally represented to be. Margery Povall, a researcher at the City University Business School, London, who has studied this area closely: "While there are jobs where the leasth of the cases back on he the length of the career break can be critical - for example some high technology occupations on which six months' absence can make re-adjust-ment difficult - they are very rare. Most people adjust very quickly. Former employees returning to banking jobs after 10 years, for example, usually slot in immediately. Some things may have changed but there is still so much in any occupation that remains the same". Most of the new skills can be learned in a matter of days.

Among companies, which have taken the issue seriously, is National Westminster Bank, whose re-entry scheme has impressed other bank sufficiently for them to begin planning their own. The Natwest scheme was introduced partly to retain scarce skills and partly as an active rather than a passive approach to tackling equal opportunity issues. The career break is an important factor in the disproportionate ratio of male to female bank managers.

The scheme, a long-term aim of which is to attract more bright women into NatWest, gives former employees the their old job or a similar one, often as relief staff during holidays or when full-time staff are absent through illness. In some instances, re-entry is guaranteed. The bank has also contacted many former employees and asked them whether they would like to return to their old jobs.

Although only a small number were able, by virtue of their domestic circumstances, to do so, all were assimilated easily.

Another large employer carefully examining re-entry is the Greater London Council, It has had for some time provisions in its employment policies for women to return to work but they were rarely used because hardly anyone knew about them. Now the council is to launch a big internal publicity campaign to make women aware of the opportunities to resume

Other initiatives being taken or discussed by the GLC Equal Opportunities Unit include provision of day-care facilities so that mothers can return to work knowing their children are being looked after near at hand, special courses to help people gain new skills to qualify for vacancies, and a review of its "family responsi-

The two 50 place day-care facilities planned are insufficient for the 200 applications already received from employees who might otherwise have to quit their jobs when their babies are born, so an additional scheme to provide financial help with local nursery care is being considered.

Family responsibility leave - time off to look after sick children - may be made less restrictive, to reassure women that they will be able to take care of domestic emergencies without losing their jobs. For those who want to work only part-time while their children are young, job-sharing may be on offer.

There are, says Margery Povall, two basic approaches concerned companies can take. One is to assume there will be a lengthy career break and ease it through such retainer schemes as that operated by Natwest. option to return to work for a refresher period of two weeks every year, working normal office hours at as short as possible by providing a range of flexible options for the working mother to continue her career, either part-time basis or fulltime with help to mesh domestic and career responsibilities. Either way, most British employers have considerable changes in attitude and policy to make.

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at 6.35 and 7.40; exercises at

5.45 and 9.18; Farming with

Barry Wilson at 6.50; John

Stapleton with a guest in the Spotlight at 7.05; guest Pat Coombs from 7.35; money talks at 7.45; pop video at 7.55; Paul Gambaccini review

okery with Michael Barry at

the latest films at 8 35-

9.02; and closing news headlines at 9.23

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interest news neathers followed by Seatme Street. Learning made fun with the Muppets 10.25 Belgique – Cote Jardin. The life of a

Belgian farmer 10.45 Little House on the Prairie (r) 11.35 Film Fun - The Movie, Derek

programme about the

Testime and Claudia. An animated story entitled A Day by the River 12.10 Get Up and

Go! with Beryl Reid (r) 12.30

Plus, Kay Avila talks about

Tonypandy (in a Welsh mining

community): Beatnee Reading (in a small Pennsylvania town

where granded was sheriff); Jimmy Boyle (in prison); and Julia McKenzie (working in

reminisces about showbusiness in the Thirtles

pantomime) 2.00 Looks

Familiar, Denis Nordern

and Forties (r)

2.30 Snooker.Coverage of the Hofmeister World Doubles

3.30 Sons and Daughters 4.00 Teetime and Claudia, A reces-

of the programme shown at

noon 4.15 Dangermouse on the Planet of the Cats (r) 4.20 First Post, Viewers' criticism

of ITV children's programmes 4.35 Porky Pig (r) 4.45 Sneak Preview: The Making of Krull. Sus Robbie goes behind the

scenes at Pinewood Studios 5.15 The Young Doctors.

talks to Sebastian Coe in Los

Angeles; and Ian Botham talks about England's winter cricket

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.30 Thames Sport. Steve Rider

7.00 Knight Rider. Sunken treasure

8.00 Shelley. The indolent graduate meets his philosophising

8.30 Hotel. Part three of the saga

9.30 TV Eye presented by Alastair Burnet reconstructs the

shooting of Steven Waldoorf

commissioner Geoffrey Dear.

police have learned. With Steven Waldorf and assists

trace the hoard.

a tramp.

is the bart this evening and Michael Knight and KITT dive underwater in the attempt to

match at the local job agency

that follows the fortunes of the staff and guests of the St Gregory, a luxury hotel in San Francisco. This evening is fairly typical with a political assassingtion attempt and the

assassination attempt and the arrest of a young wife who has taken to prostitution in order to

Christmas past with Lord

cinema, (r).

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at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; a look at the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; horoscopes at 8.35; medical matters and Glyn Christian's cookery advice petween 8.30 and 9.00

9.00 Mastermind International. Representatives of treland, Australia, New Zealand and the UK are grilled by Mr Magnusson at the Sheldonian Theatre. Oxford (r) 9.35 Closedown 10.30 Play School (r) 10.55 Closedown 12:30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances

Goverdale. The weather prospects come from Michael Fish 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtiles) 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Music and coversation from the loyer of the studios 1.45 Postman Pat 2.20 Film: Tender Comrade\* (1943) starring Ginger Rogers and Robert Ryan, The story of five gris who, while their husbands

are away fighting World War Two, pool their resources and set up house together.
Directed by David Hempstead
3.35 Tex Avery Double Bill. Blackie and Big Heel Watha 3.53 Regional news (not London) 3.55 Play School presented by Chice Ashcroft 4.20 The Adventures of Bullwinkie and

Rocky. A cartoon senal, 4,25 Jackanory. Nerys Hughes with another excerpt from The Making of Fingers Finnigan 4.40 Spider Man and his Amazing Friends 5.05 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Blue Peter, More news of the 5.40 Sixty Micutes includes

national news at 5.40; regional news magazines at 5.53; weather at 6.15; and closing headlines at 6.38 6.40 Angels. Nurse Ladipo suspects a wrong diagnosis in the case of a Nigerian patient which could lead to his death

7.05 Topporrow's World includes a report by Judith Hann from Israel on a hospital which observes every detail of Jewish religious law 7.30 Top Of The Pops. The latest

video performances and studio appearances of the artists responsible for the tatest rash of popular records. Presented by Simon Bates and Janice Long

8.00 Wildlife on One: Night Life. A composite picture of the nightlife of the British countryside. Namsted by David Attenborough (see

5.30' Only Fools and Horses. Riodney's good deed for the day turns sour once brother Del's mischlevous instincts take over

9.00' News with Sue Lawley 9.25 Jehnny Jarvis. The last epsode to the story concerning the youth of today. Johnny and Stella and their baby move in with Alan, now a successful songwriter. schany, in contrast, is jobless with his confidence at a very

dde wol 10.20 Operation Time with David Alton, Liberal MP for Mossler Hill; military analyst General Sir John Heckett, Dr Oonagt McDonald, Labour MP for Thurrock, and James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

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11.18 News headines 11.20 International Show Jumping

10.30 The Sweeney. Flying Squad drama starring John Thaw and Dennis Waterman who, tonight, move somewhat upmarket when they investigate a series of society

10.00 News.

robberies (r). 11.30 Snooker. Highlights of the day's play in the Hofmeister World Doubles tournament. 12.15 Night Thoughts from the Rev

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5.35 News summary with subtitles.

(1939) starring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan, Instant parenthood for Tarzan and Jane when an

aeroplane crashes near their

jurgle home, the sole survivor being a baby boy. They take him under their wing and teach him the ways of the jurgle.

Directed by Richard Thorpe.

Bermondsey. The former parliamentary candidate talks about what has been

escribed as one of the dirtiest

and rancorous by-elections for decades when he fought and lost the battle for the seat

vacated by Bob Mellish. He

telephone calls, the hate mail, death threats and physical

violence and of his character

Also on the programme are Tony Benn who analyses the

background to the NEC's refusal to endorse Tatchell's candidature; Sarah Benton,

campaign with Walter Terry, former political editor of The Sun and Martin Linton of The

Derbyshire West who wrote an

article for The Times deploring Fleet Street's treatment of

Championships. The semi-final. Jeremy James reports on the games being played in London and Bill Hartston

analyses the moves with his

tween Margaret Court and

an, examines how

deputy editor of the New

Fleet Street handled the

Conservative MP for

Tatchell.

7.30 The World Chess

expert eye.

8.05 100 Great Sporting Mome Highlights of the 1970 Wimbledon Ladies' Final

Bittie-Jean King.

8.30 Global Report. Meior Sturus, foreign editor of the Soviet

government newspaper, izvestia, talks to Peter France

about his job. (see Choice).

another story from village life

of Parliament. This penultimate programme in the

Alexander, Vince Herbert and

Wayne Laryea, includes a report by Krishna Governder on

unemployed black population; poetry from the 1983

Commonwealth Poetry Prizewinner, Grace Nichols;

Marley's hit, Buffalo Soldiers.

and the story behind Bob

10.50 Newsnight, Ends at 11.40.

series that looks behind the

Parliament examines the machinery involved in the

enactment of a law.

10.20 Ebony introduced by Juliet

the way jobs are being provided for Liverpool's

9.00 Deer Ladies. Dr Evadre Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket with

in Stackton Tressel (r).

9.30 The Great Palace: The Story

ation by Fleet Street.

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7.00 Open Space: Peter Tatchell and the Battle for

5.40 Film: Tarzan Finds a Son"

childhood. Presented by Roger Opie THE INVENTION OF CHILDHOOD (6.30pm) traces the evolution of childhood from the 16th century when children were treated as young aduts to the present day when, according to anthropologist Peter Loizos, they "have become the meaning of life in the West as belief in an after-life recedes". Between these two extremes Juliet Gardner, editor of history Today magazine and historian, Professor John Burnett, chart the key times in the developing status of children. At one time regarded as naturally sinful because they were thought to be the product of a sinful act the brevity of

childhood reached its shortest

during the 19th century when small

children became an essential part of

CHANNEL 4

4.45 Countdown. The final round of

the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition. Two competitors each have the chance to win thousands of

pounds-worth of dictionaries.

National Theatre's Guys and Dolls production and the film,

The Long Good Friday, tells

the story of The Underground

Flea; there is a competition to see how many children can squash their faces against a

window; how they can make a telephone call to Italy; and Dr

Smartypants has some more useless advice (r)

help their overworked butler,

tion of Childhood, An

Lurch, but this only leads to Lurch thinking that he is not

development of childhood from the 16th century (see

7.50 Comment. On the scap-box

this evening is Dr Barry Pearce, lecturer in land

economy at Cambridge

8.00 Bands of Gold. The British

**Drum Corps Championships** 

1983. Tony Capribonships Luchema introduce highlights of the Championships, held on West Bromwich Albion's

bands were whittled down to two and the tension mounts as

Football ground. The nine

Dagenham Crusaders from

sex march against the

from the Tate and the Campbell families. This week

Burt is suspicious about Mary

and her professor while Mary is suspicious of Burt and his

soldier - now he believes he is

secretary. Chester has decided he is no longer a

Mariene Dietrich

9.30 Film: A Fiame to the Phoenix

(1983) starring Ann Firbank and Frederick Treves. The

and Probatics Treves, The story of a weekend country party set on the estate of the Countess Kurowicka in Poland, it is 1939 and war is

looming and tensions are mounting. Directed by William

What the Papers Say. Dally Mirror journalist, Joe Haines, reviews the best stories from

the week's newspapers

The stories of Keith, Jackie

and Donna, three homeless East London youngsters, who

spend their nights in the Kipper, a hostel for the homeless in Whitehorse Road. Their tale is one of broken

homes, children's homes and when there is no home, among

the drunks and tramps of

11.15 Our Lives: The Kipper's Tale

Green Lancers from

9.00 Soap. More lunatic comedy

Warrington

6.00 The Addems Femily The bizarre family build a robot to

wanted 6.30 Today's History: The

7.00 Channel Four News

exploration of the

5.30 Everybody Here, Lively entertainment for children, Bob Hoskins, star of the

CHOICE: series continues with a potted, but nonetheless informative, history of the industrial workforce. Nearer the present day, Winifred Foley recalls her happy but deprived childhood in the Forest of Dean during the "hungry Twenties" when she looked forward to school only for the meals and she movingly recalls the death of her young brother who died when hunger drove him to eat chalk. An absorbing programme on a subject that should be explored in greater depth by television.

BBC Bristol's steady stream of superb wildlife films continues tonight with NIGHT LIFE (BBC1 8.00pm) a magnificently filmed (by Owen Newman) documentary that illustrates the activity of an importance youth in the Footieb

imaginary night in the English countryside. As twilight falls the

camera captures the nocturnal

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
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News Summary 6.45 Prayer for the Day 6.55, 7.55 Westher 7.0, 8.0 Today's News 7.25, 8.25, Sport 7.46 Thought for the Day 6.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Westher: Travel.
8.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint. A weekly investigation into listeners' problems.
9.30 The Living World.
10.00 News. Conversation Piece. Sust MacGragor talks to Kallesh Puri, Purilabli agony columnist. Mrs Puri liveson Merseyside, but her advice on personal problems is sought throughout the Purijablispeaking world. She has taught Punjablispeaking and der leaking of the reasoning and the reality of Americans – look at he reasoning and the reality of America's toreign policy.
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12.55 Weather; Programme News.

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'Hey Prestol' by Robin Taylor.
Roland Prince (Nigel Anthony)
has always been obsessed by
magic. With the support of the
owner of a local magic shop.
Burny Bannister (Bernard
Cribbins) he becomes The Great
Rolando. Co-starring Shalls

Rolando, Co-starring Shelia Grant as Roland's mother.† 4.00 News; Just After Four. 4.10 Bookshelf. Radio 4s book

4.40 Story Time: 'A Kind of Treason' by George Macbeth (11), 5.00 PM; News Magazine.

BBC 1 WALES: 12.57 pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines: 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines: 5.53 Wales Today, 12.10 am News and weather. SCOTLAND: 12.55 pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 3.53 Scotland: Sixty Minutes: 12.10 am News and weather. NORTHERN RELAND: 12.57 pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 3.53 Scene Around Str. 12.10 am News and weather. ENGLAND: 5.53 pm Regional news magazines. 12.15 em Close.

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Hälbillies\*. 6:00 Channel Report. 6:30
Crossroads. 6:55 Mr Magoo. 7:00 Looks
Familiar. 7:30-8:00 Carry on Laughing.
12:15em Clossdown.

5.50 Shipping Forecast.

1.40 The Archers.

creatures as they go about their nightly business. A fox stealthily stalks his prey; a vole is the haples victim of an elert barn owl; beetles are seen mating; and a spider moults. All this activity is accompanied by the sound of a nightingale in full voice.

The fascinating sight of Moscow's Fleet Street in action is the subject of the seventh

8.00 News.

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8.50 Morning Concert (continued) Divorale, Wolf-Ferrari, Chopin, Rubbra; records.

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10.00 Music For Harp and Orchestra.
Handel, Debussy, Mozart;
racords.†
11.00 English Music for Violin and
Piano. Anthony Hedges, Wafton,†
11.40 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra. Mozart and Brahms.†
1.09 News.
1.09 Israel Piano Quartet. Paul BenHam, Faura.†
2.00 Bartioz. Romeo et Juliette –
dramatic symphony Op 17

parroz, rumeo et Juliette – dramatic symphony Op 17 (Austrian Radio recording), Brighte Fassbender and Nicola Gedda sing the title roles and Lamberto Gardelli conducts the Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir and the Chor of the Vanna State Oner

Chor of the Vienna State Opera. John Shirley-Quirk sings the role of Friar Lawrence. Youth Orchestras of the World. Overture County Youth Orchestra: Verol, Henry Wood, Copland, Holst, Stravinsky. This is a recording of the Royal Fastival Hall concert staged last link. The surgice includes.

respire nair content single lest July. The works include Copland's Clannet Concerto (finale), Hoist's ballet music for The Perfect Foot, and Stravinsky's suite The Firebird.†

4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly For Pleasure.1
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6.30 Bandstand. The Templemore
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Walred Heaton. We hear Holst's
march A Moorside Suite, Eric
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7.00 The Gentlemen of the Chapel
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Choir of the Vienna State Opera.

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programme in the Global Report senes. In NEWS OF THE SECOND WORLD (BBC2 8.30pm) Peter France follows the publication of a day's edition of Izvestia in the company of Melor Sturua, the foreign editor of the newspaper and its former foreign correspondent in London, Washington and New York. Sturus proves to be an armsing host, wallowing in the prestigious position of the journalist in Soviet

5.55 Weather: Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial

5.30 My Word. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Shall We Join the Ladies? Carole Rosen discovers that women composers were unexpectedly successful in Edwardian times.1

7.45 Royal Liverpool Philhams Orchestra. Part 1: Elgar, Beethovan.? 9.05 Concert. Part 2: Hoist, Britten, f 9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

9.59 Westher 10.00 The World Tonight: News 11.00 A Book at Berthine: 'Ask Mamma' by R S Surtees (9) 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament.

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# Reagan decides to seek reelection

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The main reason why lingerng doubts had remained about his intentions centred mainly on his age. He will be almost 78 by the time his second term expires, which would make him the oldest President in American history. However, he is in robust health and recently wrote an article for The Washington Post explaining how he keeps

President Reagan has already indicated that Vice-President George Bush will again be his running mate next year as he was in 1980. As it is virtually certain that Mr Reagan's nomination will be unchallenged, next year's Republican Party convention in Dallas will, in the words of one aide, take the form of a "coronation" at which the President's accomplishments will be extolled rather than the usual "horse race" between

rival candidates.

A well-oiled political machine has been established to ensure that the President gets off to a flying start next month. The Reagan-Bush Campaign Committee has already raised more than \$3m (£1.2m) and his formal announcement is expected to produce a surge of new donations for his campaign

seek reelection comes at a time when his popular approval rating is as high as it has been since 1981. A poll carried out by Mr Richard Wirthlin on behalf of the campaign committee shows that 62 per cent of people questioned approve of his questioned approve of his performance as President. The survey showed Mr Reagan 16 points ahead of his two main Democratic challengers, Mr Walter Mondale and Senator

The President's popularity, together with the continuing economic recovery, means that he will be entering next year's race as the firm favourite to win the November election. However, his aides concede that the race will be much tougher than in 1980, particularly if the Democrats unite behind a strong candidate and develop a coherent campaign strategy.

They also point out that Mr

Reagan's present high ratings could be upset if the situation in Lebanon deteriorates.

 President Reagan yesterday publicly conceded for the first time that he would consider withdrawing American forces from Beirut if there was a complete collapse of order in

# Prince William steps out to face the press



The Prince and Princess of Wales keeping a firm hold on their son yesterday (Photographs Harry Kerr).







Prince William, aged almost eighteen months, displaying regal professionalism before the cameras at Kensington Palace yesterday.

### Frank Johnson in the Commons

# Head-on clash over Scots home rule

Mr Gordon Wilson, the Scottish National Party member for Dundee East, found himself yesterday in the position of being required by the rules of order to wear a black top hat

Readers who share my own horror of after-dinner games during country weekends must accept that the incident was not as boring as it sounds. It is by no means commonplace for a member suddenly to appear on the backbenches wearing a black top hat. True, he was also wearing trousers.

So the incident was not as unusual as it might have been had Mr Wilson really wanted to attract attention to the Scottish nationalist cause. But, in an age when politicians are increasingly loathe to go the whole way, wearing a black top hat was as exhibitionist as we were going to get.
The House was voting on

whether to give leave to the Liberal, Mr Archy Kirkwood, to bring in a Bill to set up a Scottish Parliament, Members were milling about, making for the division lobbies, Mr Wilson had thought of a device to draw attention to the

order with the Speaker to the effect that only Scottish members should be allowed to take part in this division since a majority of the Scottish people voted at the last general election for parties which, according to him, favoured some form of devolution or home rule.

In order to raise this point of order, he fell foul of a convention whereby a member wishing to raise a point of order during division must remain seated and wear a hat or at least keep his bead

What is the origin of this rule? Some of us have spent a large part of our adult lives at Vestminster deliberately not finding out the answers to questions like that, and we intend to keep it that way. Long experience has taught us that it is only when these aspects of British consti-tutional procedure are explained by the relevant auth-orities that they become

So, for reasons which must remain unknown, a Scotsman found himself sitting in the middle of a division yesterday with an order paper on his head crying: "Point of order, Mr Speaker!" A moment later,

the obliging Opposition Chief Whip, Mr Michael Cocks reached for the black top hat especially retained for crises.
This is kept in a box near

the Serjeant-at-Arms. For the record, the Serjeant-at-Arms wears a sword and black tights. No doubt there is a perfectly respectable esplanation for that as well

although it is difficult to think

of one. The hat was produced and handed across the Liberal bench to the Scottish national ist bench above. It was an opera hat suitable for sitting on when not in use during operas or during divisions in which no one was raising a point of order. Mr Wilson punched it open, put it on his head, and embarked on his point of order.

At this point, the most interesting sight was the public gallery. What were casual visitors to make of it? Few could have known of this hat rule in particular or of our funny little practices in general. There was no reason why they should. The assumption in the public gallery would have been that it was something to do with Christman. But why a Scottman man But why a Scotsman was acting the fool perhaps escaped them. Surely the Scots wait for the new year before doing this sort of thing Anyway, it was to be hoped that Mr Wilson would not end up in full song, climbing Eros, or stealing a policeman's

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The Speaker, ruling on Mr Wilson's point of order, said he had no power to prevent any members voting on such a Bill. Whereupon, Mr Andrew Faulds, the bearded famously egomaniacal Labour member for Wartey East and a for Warley East and a professional actor in real life demanded the hat. Interestingly, it was seen to be rather too small for his head. With that menace which he

always exudes when he is being jovial, for he is never menacing when he is on the attack, Mr Faulds demanded that, if Sassenachs were excluded from voting, the House should not exclude those of Scottish descent" which was Mr Faulds's way of telling us that he was of Scottish descent. Up in the public gallery, i

was undoubtedly being as-sumed that Mr Faulds' point of order, top hat and beard were all in connexion with the

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

tercentary, 3pm.
The Duke of Edinburgh visits 2.25 and then Carlisle cathederal.
Princess Anne, president of the
Save the Children Fund, accepts a
car from the Ford Motor Company
at SCF headquarters, Mary Datchelor House, London, 3.30.
The Duke of Characters relate

Westbury and District Hospital, 11.05; and opens Laverton Almshouses, Westbury, Wiltshire, Princess Michael attends a carol

concert at Guildford cathederal, Surrey, in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 7.40pm. Princess Alexandra attends the Championships, Olympia,

New exhibition

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Present following the future (9).

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Number up? (8).

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25 Sea-horses? (4).

6 'Like a rich jewel in an -

ear.' (R. and J.) (6).

10 Shoe right shape for Arab 8 Contest allowing English to let perhaps (5).

11 Concept of half-time in day.

13 Shown by Lilliputian clocks after midnight? (5,5).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,310

Christmas exhibition fraturing new work by Michael Joseph Browne; and African and Oceanic The Duke of Gloucester visits Art. Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd Street,

Exhibitions in progress
The Second Bombing, by Mulheimer Freiheit, Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Sun

French prints and drawings, Art Galley and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until 8 January). As of Now: Peter Moores As of Now. Peter Moores Liverpool Project 7: Work of 15 artists selected by William Feaver, Walker Art Gallery, Williams Brown, Liverpool, 3; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; Closed Dec 24-27, Jan 2; (until Feb 19).

Manchester: Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Thurs 9 to Sprn, closed Sat and Sun (until 6 January).

Jan 2; (until Feb 19).

To the Glory of God – an exhibition of stained glass designs and windows, Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery, Library Street; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun (until 14 January).

Recent works by Gerald Gadd, Landscapes, Geoffrey Huband, Maratime, Frances Cripwell and Moira Williams, flora and fauna, at Gallery 45, 45/46 Bridge Street, Hereford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Sun (until 24 December).

Quill to Qwerty – writing

Quill to Qwerty - writing instruments and type - writers from the private collections of Brenda

the private collections of Brenda Nutting and Duncan James, Banbury Museum, 8 Horsefair, Banbury, Oxon: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Tues and Sun (until 14 Feb). Rail Images through the lens, featuring more than 100 years of photography, Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milsom St. Bath: Mon to Sat 10 to 4.45 closed Sun until 4 February). Eliza Westlake (1829-1918), watercolours, Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 4, closed Sun (until 4 February).

Carol services Lawyers' Christmas service, St Anne's Church, Manchester, 1.15. Carois from the Handbell Group,

Music ' Hayda's Creation by the orchestra and chorus of the Welsh National Opera, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Northern Sinfonia Christmas concert with the Cambridge Buskers and the Sinfonia Chorus, City Hall, Namentla wee Tare 7.45

and the surround Choice. City Hail, Newcastle upon Tyne, 7,45. Hallé concert, Free Trade Hail, Peter Street, Manchester, 7,30. Organ recital by Gordon Stewart, Manchester Cathedral, 1,05.

Christmas concert of Victorian songs and carols, Yvonne Scymour (soprano). Lesley Schatzberger (clarinet) and Peter Scymour (piano); Library Theatre, Solfhull, 1990. Ipm.
The Ron Goodwin Christmas show, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Winter Gardens, Bourne-The Messiah, by Hull Choral Union Orchestra, City Hall, Hull,

7.30. General Computer Christmas Fair, Wembley Conference Centre, Wembley Middlesex, (until Dec 18). Thurs to Sun 10 to 6, Fri 10 to

The Tardis Comes to Tyneside -Dr Who Special, Tyneside Cinema, 10/12 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, 6.30.
Christmas Market. Builgate,
Lincoln. (until Sun 18). Thurs and
Fri 6 to 9.30. Sat and Sun 12 to 9.30.

### New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of Interesting books published this week:
China, Alive in the Bitter Sea, by Fox Butterfield (Coronet, 24.50)
Confessions of a Homing Pigeon, by Nicholas Meyer (Coronet, £2.50)
Pocket Classics, new series, includes The Vicar of Bullhampton, by Anthony
Trollope (Alan Sutton, £2.95)
Richard Wagner, His Life, Art and Thought, by Flonaid Taylor (Granada, £3.95)
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The Times: An English Reader, by Marion Efficit & Peter Strutt (Collins, £3.95)
The World of Charles Dickern, by Angus Wisson (Granada, £3.95)
Water Music, by T. Coraghessan Boyle (Granada, £2.50)
Writing in Society, by Raymond Williams (Verso, £5.95)

Roads

North: A167: Major works at South Parade, North Allerton. A6119: Only one lane open on

expected.

Wales and West: M4: Delays at junction 32 (Cardiff) and junction 34 (Liantrisant). M4: Lane closures for bridge inspection and repairs

between junctions 21 and 22 across the Severn Bridge. A303: Resurfac-ing, temporary lights between Wincanton and Ilminister at Holton.

Restrictions at Sprarkford and at Scavington.

Scotland: A73: Drainage work, single lane traffic near Carlland Bridge, Lanarkshire. A82: Resurfac-

ing and drainage work from two miles north of Tarbet, Dumbarton-

shire, progessing further north for three miles. Traffic reduced to single

lane. A77: Construction work north

of junction with A719 at Turnberry (Ayrshire), single lane traffic. Information supplied by AA.

British Rail will be running more

than 600 extra trains for travellers before and after Christmas and new

year holidays.
On Christmas Eve most stations will close by 10pm and there will be

no trains on Christmas Day or Boxing Day, Between the Christmas and new year holidays some commuter and business servics will

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### Christmas post

The last posting date for inland parcels and second class letters and cards to arrive in time for Christmas is Saturday. First class items should be posted by Tuesday December 20.

### Anniversaries

Births: George Romney, portrait painter. Dalton in Furness, Lanca-shire. 1734: Niels Finsen, physician, Noble laureate, 1903. Thorshaven, Faeroe Islands. 1860. Sir George Cayley, founder of the science of acrodynamics, died at Brompton Hall, Yorkshire, 1857.

### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Telecommuni-cations Bill, third reading. Lords (3pm): Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill,

# Weather **forecast**

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Central, NW England, Midlands, N Wales, Lake District: Mainly dry, sunny periods developing after a misty start, becoming cloudy later, winds S Spirt increasing moderate to fresh later; max temp 9 to 10C (48 to 50F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Showers, becoming mostly cloudy with general rain later; winds S backing SE moderate increasing-fresh to strong; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Angyll, Orkney, Shetland, N I releand: Scattered showers at first, sunny intervals; winds SW baking SE Moderate or iresh decreasing light; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Central Highlands, NE Scotland: Mainly dry, sunny or clear periods after mist and Irost in places at first; winds vanable becoming SE light; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mild and unsettled.

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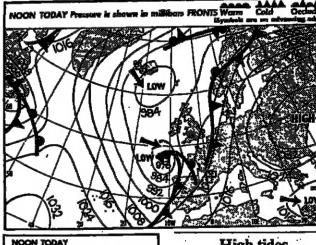
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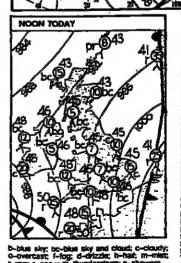
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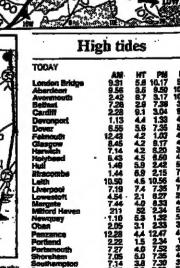
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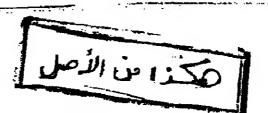
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### 23 For the rest a look at a Queen Solution of Puzzle No 16,309 Solution of Pazzle No 16,399 MAI ADDY SMASHAIN BE BE THE WAR CONDER HACONTEUR ORDIGE HACONTEUR ORDI say (6). 26 Bottle fruit in one (5). 27 Confident girl mugged (9). 28 Thinkers sort this out egghead 29 Establish a standard at Kew? (5). 1 They are not here to look back 2 Fleeting visitor gets invitation to take tea, we hear (5). 3 Hot out and stormy, without qualification (8). **CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10**

20 Unfortunate – as when Le

Malade Imaginaire took the lead

22 Uncertain power (5).



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